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Managers Counter Council Offer

Carmel Police Plead with Council to Bargain

By Isabelle Hall

Pulling no punches, the Carmel Police Officers Association pleaded with the City Council Tuesday to bargain in good faith with its city employees, saying nothing else matters if residents of the resort city "cannot feel safe" in their homes.

Several citizens agreed, some chiding the council for paying more attention to counting its trees than to public safety, while one officer who works the midnight shift told how embarrassed he was by the lack of working equipment such as patrol cars.

"Before you do anything else, spend money to give us protection in Carmel-by-the-Sea or no one will want to live in Carmel and no one will want to visit," warned former Planning Commission Chair Carla Ramsey. Council members made no specific comment on the wage dispute beyond a presentation at a news conference Monday by Mayor Ken White and City Administrator Jere Kersnar. (See story on page 5.)

After being rebuffed a week ago, the 22-member police employee group, led by Officer Terry Chandler, got to tell the council face-to-face its complaints about Kersnar, the city negotiator, whom they accused of less than good faith bargaining.

The pressure has not let up on the council since it passed two resolutions last Tuesday with a final stand pat offer to the management and general employees associations. White apologized for the meeting last week when police and firemen were not invited to speak after waiting four hours to address the council. "We had an unfortunate misunderstanding and the council feels employees should not be treated that way," he said.

The Sun learned, meanwhile, that the management association wrote Kersnar Jan. 14 with a counter offer, saying it would accept the city's "last, best and final offer" if the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or contract, was amended to state that when city revenues exceed the 1993-94 budget of \$7,074,749 the city would bring salaries and benefits up to those in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Seaside.

Specifically, the association said it wanted salary adjustments to parity with the salaries of comparable positions in the three cities retroactive to July 1 and cumulative across-the-board cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for all employees retroactive to July 1, 1991, the date of the

White in Rare Unopposed Mayor's Race

By Isabelle Hall

Barely able to conceal his pleasure, Carmel Mayor Ken White said he feels humble about being unopposed for mayor his second time out. He is just the second person to be unopposed since Charlotte Townsend ran for re-election in 1984.

Former Mayor Barney Laiolo, who believes it is wrong for a candidate to be unopposed for public office, took out papers to file against White but his health prevented it. It was the 84-year-old Laiolo—who gave White a tough race in 1992—whom Townsend defeated in 1982 when he sought a fourth term.

At 59, White is retired from his teaching and coaching job at Monterey High School, and full of enthusiasm for the job he always wanted most. He treats it like a full-time position, putting in about eight hours a day five days a week either at City Hall or the many social and governmental activities he attends as part of the job.

"I'm just one humble person," White said in an interview. "It means a lot. It means that for the next four months I can spend a lot of time doing the thing I should best be doing. We are starting the budget process for 1994-94. This is a big thing."

Asked if he thought it meant he had done a superior job in his first term, White grinned. "I know Carmel better than that. I'm going to work harder through the next term to justify this. People in Carmel hold you accountable for what's going on."

"I wish him well," said Laiolo who en-

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SINGIN' SHERIFF PAT DUVAL and Kathleen Tarp joined in a duet to entertain partygoers at the fifth annual Village Affair Monday night. For a story and photos of the fundraiser which attracted more than 500 people, see pages 12 and 13.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

With 85 Degrees Tuesday

Lack of Rain Worries Residents

By Stan Hall

With the memory of the region's longest recorded drought still fresh in their minds, many residents are beginning to worry as the normal rainy season passes with sunny skies and summer-like temperatures which reached 85 degrees in the Valley Tuesday.

"The dreaded D word is beginning to appear," said Dr. Robert Renard, retired head of the meteorology department at the Navy Postgraduate School and volunteer weather observer for Monterey.

"We are falling behind at the rate of .11 of an inch per day during January."

He said no immediate relief is in sight, despite an approaching cold front. "We can expect light rain at best—emphasize at best—Saturday and Sunday. But it will be

followed by high pressure again for the next week to 10 days."

As of Jan. 13, Renard had measured 4.25 inches for the rain year that began July 1, compared to normal rainfall for the date of 8.27. In Carmel Valley, weather observer Graham Matthews said he had recorded just 3.65 inches as of Jan. 18, while normal rainfall was 8.75.

In addition to the lack of rain, Renard noted that "we've had heat-wave conditions on the weekend." Matthews agreed, noting he had recorded 76 degrees in the Valley Sunday, 79 degrees Monday and 85 Tuesday. He said the highest January reading in the Valley was 89 degrees in 1976.

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Group Battles to Save Unspoiled Big Sur Vistas

By Stan Hall

A small, informal group known as Coastwatch is taking on powerful conservation interests in what it sees as a critical campaign to preserve Big Sur's most valuable resource—its magnificent unspoiled vistas.

In its effort, the group said it also is trying to defend the Big Sur Land Use Plan and the right of a local community to control its own destiny while combating the image that it simply wants to keep additional people from visiting the stunning South Coast.

"We're not just a bunch of NIMBYs (not in my back yard)," declared Magnus Toren, a member of Coastwatch. "This is not a question of public access—there's already plenty of that in Big Sur. We simply are trying to preserve the

critical viewshed for future generations."

In a turnaround from the usual complaint, Coastwatch's concern is not about commercial development. It is that federal, state or local agencies will allow critical viewshed lands to become public parks over time. Once in public ownership and opened to the public, the group's members worry that crude trails will evolve, then possibly more sophisticated ones leading to growing demand for structures and parking.

About 20 members of Coastwatch met Friday with Supervisor Sam Karas at the River Inn following the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting. At issue was the Board of Supervisor's vote Nov. 9 to decide on a case-by-case basis whether property purchased with funds from Proposition 70 should be opened to public access.

In opening the informal session, Big Sur resident Howard Strum told Karas the group wanted to present "clear evidence that they (the supervisors) made the wrong choice."

The group told Karas that provisions of the 1988 statewide initiative specified that critical viewshed parcels bought with Prop 70 money should have deed restrictions prohibiting "development in any manner by any person, public or private."

Others close to the dispute—if not involved in it—took no issue with that assertion, but they did dispute Coastwatch's claim that the initiative also required the county to attach deed restrictions prohibiting public access to any Prop 70 property.

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LETTERS

Live with the Consequences?

All this nonsense about condom distribution at schools was started, I believe, by a jackass named Joseph Fernandez, chancellor of Public Schools in New York City. The situation there has since degenerated to a point that the "educational material" currently being distributed includes such gems as: "Condoms can be sexy! They come in different colors, sizes, flavors (flavors?), and styles. Shop around until you find the type you like best. Be creative and be safe. Guys can get used to the feel of condoms while masturbating." The material also encourages children to experiment the kinds of sex you don't write about in family newspapers. Shocked and sickened? I am!

I have a suggestion for the Associated Student Body at Carmel High School. Come out in support of a program to supply condoms to the parents of all kids in the public schools. It will be far more convenient to simply go to mom and dad when you intend to be "sexually active." You'll avoid the embarrassment of standing in line at a condom machine, and your folks will appreciate some advance notice as to who might be the father or mother of their illegitimate grandchild. They might even want to schedule an appointment at a local abortion clinic just in case. If you'd be ashamed to go to your parents, what does that say for your behavior?

I have another suggestion which is directed to sane parents. Adopt a policy which is very simply stated, "Suffer the consequences."

Any kid these days who doesn't know all about venereal disease, AIDS, pregnancy, and the other pitfalls of premarital sex, is either deaf, dumb, blind, or an idiot. If abstinence is not acceptable, then those who choose to disregard the dangers should be permitted to live with the consequences.

Frank Schleicher
Carmel Valley

Keep the Advisory Committees

Just as massive new building developments in Monterey, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach enter the planning pipeline, the Monterey County director of Planning and Building is proposing to eliminate our local citizen-volunteer advisory committees to the Planning Commission.

Under his plan, the peninsula's six localized committees would be reduced to one. With average meeting lengths of 2-3 hours, could we then expect marathon 12-15 hour sessions? What citizen-volunteers (who now pay for their own gas, transportation, printing costs and phone calls) could sit through two 15 hour meetings per month? At a time when taxpayers want less spending, the proposal calls for staffing meetings with two staff members where committees have run smoothly for years with none.

Gone will be committees from Carmel Valley, the Highlands, Del Monte Forest, greater Carmel and Jack's Peak.

The greatly increased workload of a single committee would reduce evaluation quality of building and development plans that affect the lives of all peninsulans. Increased cost, reduced staff productivity, increased government, less citizen input and farther distances to travel will result.

Urge our supervisors to let us solve local land use problems locally and to reject the director's proposal at their meeting Jan. 25.

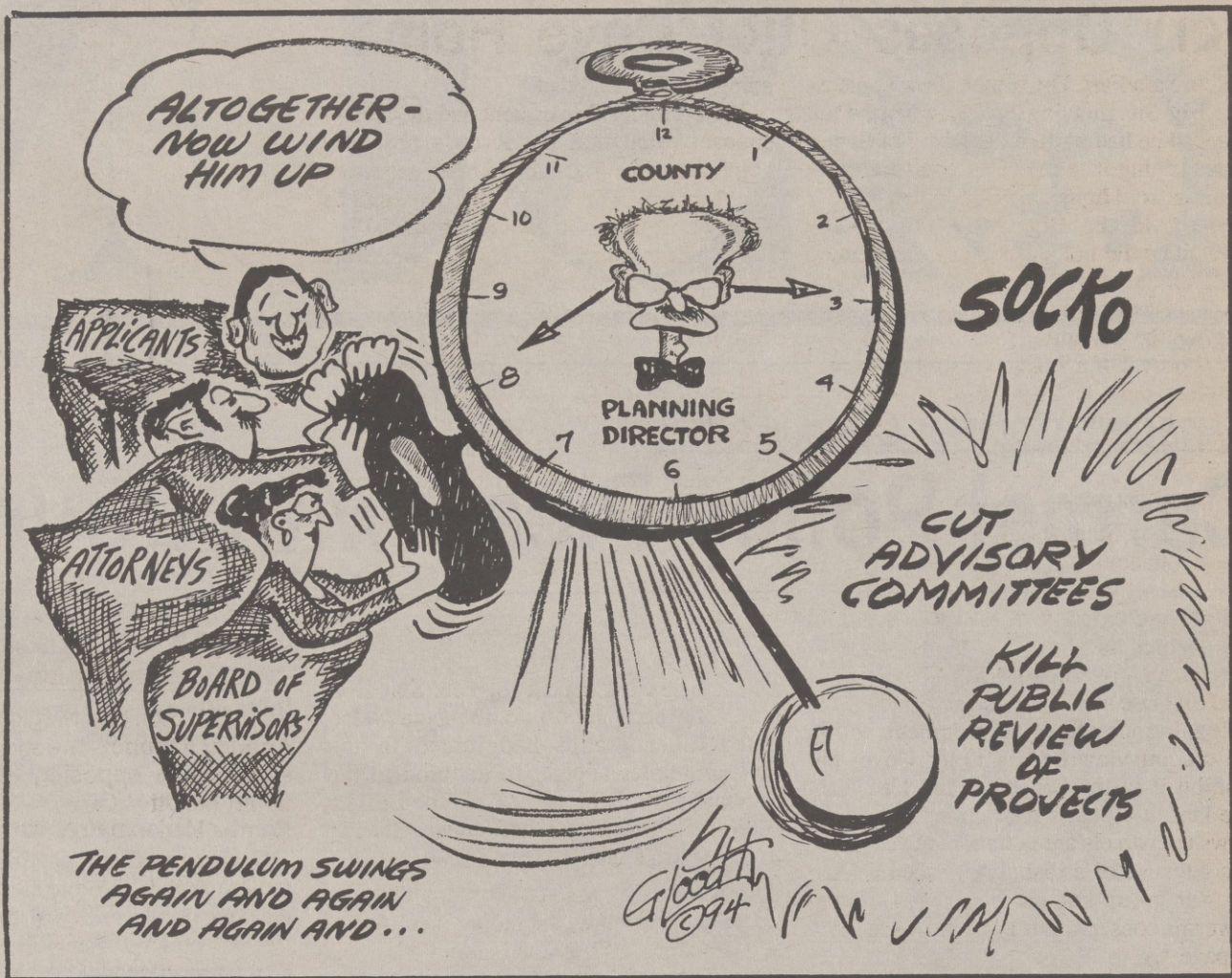
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Another Animal Control Complaint

Tony, it happened to us too (Sun letters, Jan. 13.) . We live in Cachagua on five and a half acres one mile down a private road. We own two Labs, one black and one yellow. Not long ago I returned home to find a note on my door, it was late Sunday afternoon. The note was from an Animal Control officer. It was an inquiry about whether or not the dogs she saw in our yard were licensed. It asked me to call their office.

I was feeling a bit intruded upon that she had been down our road uninvited, but as the dogs were licensed I called the office the next day and spoke with a woman who seemed to be uninformed of the situation but she took my message. My message simply was, "My dogs are licensed so please don't come down our road, or on our property any more. I was cordial but firm.

A few days later I came home to find another note with the same request of me. There was an additional statement referring to the black Lab. It stated that he had chased her. Let's see now—he's a dog, here to protect the house and property, she's a trespasser.

Our driveway is clearly marked with our name and house number. The Animal Control officer could have checked to see if our dogs were on record. Instead the note again asked me to call their office, again on my dime. It seems she got no notice of my first call. Now I was mad. I again gave the woman on the phone a brief history of the situation and again very clearly stated I did not want another visit from them.

I began thinking, my dogs are licensed and legal, why am I making all these calls trying to prove my compliance? I felt like I was doing someone's job for them.

The bottom line here, however, is not about the inefficiency of a county entity but about the blatant violation of our right to privacy—especially when the reason for the citation is primarily to generate funds to support a bureaucratic body whose prominent concern is most likely self-preservation. They've got to make enough money to keep that governing body afloat no matter how inefficient or necessary that body is. The frightening thing about all of this is that for each dollar they make, it costs us that dollar as well as that much more of our rapidly waning rights as property owners and Americans. This has got to stop; we are not talking about community property here—we are talking about my land.

Kyle C. Dahle
Carmel Valley

Only A Dam Will Do

As confirmed by a multiplicity of EIR/EISs over the years and 34 years of critical observations of the Carmel River, in wet years and in dry, only a dam comparable to the new Los Padres proposal can meet both the environmental needs of the river and municipal needs of the human population.

An alternative which could come even close to achieving the environmental enhancements of such a dam would require cessation of all diversions, including underflow—i. e., wells into the aquifer—from the Carmel River. The achievement of the replacement of the 12,000 acre-feet plus of water from the river by means of desalination would involve horrendous costs probably unacceptable to the voters.

Who tells you otherwise is either a fool or a knave.

Edwin B. Lee
Carmel

The author is a former chairman of the water management district's Augmentation Committee and a former member of the Zone 11 Water Advisory Committee.—The Ed.

Ed Hicks Remembered

When Edward Hicks passed away Jan. 13, Carmel-by-the-Sea lost one of its most devoted residents.

Ed was respected as a talented architect and an intelligent, outspoken and loyal friend. He served the city on the Planning Commission and in numerous other ways, ever concerned about what was best for the town he loved.

Ed Hicks was and always will remain a very special gentleman to his many friends.

Sharon Lawrence
Carmel

Employees Appreciate Their Leaders

The members of the General Employees Association of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea wish to express thanks to President Cliff Hatch for his courage and eloquence in expressing their concerns to Mayor Ken White and the City Council at the meeting of Jan. 11. President Hatch and Vice President Mike Branson have worked with diligence and dignity in the employee negotiations process of the past two years, and we are deeply grateful for their hard work.

Members of the General Employees Association

Stephanie Pearce	Margi Perotti
Julia Gaskell	Diane Martinez
Marcia Sheppard	Ben Martino
Dee Peters	Ron Prieto
Lani Fremier	John Hanson
Arlene Hess	Stu Ross
Janet Bombard	Jana Weston
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Joe Sturgill	Rick Tooker
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Jim Pingree	Leslie Fenton
Russ Oden	Denise Henry
Dan Coelho	Eleanor Cox
Charles Williams	Sandy Farrell
Tim Wood	Ron Shwedel
Larry Elkins	

Family Communication Is the Key

Availability of condoms at CHS is not the central key to preventing disease and pregnancy. Creating an environment at home, where a young person can really talk about his/her feelings without fear of reprisal, is.

Eighteen years as a pregnancy counselor has taught me many things about kids and their parents. Too many times to count, a fine young girl has sobbed in my office out of great fear and shame in breaking the news of a pregnancy to her folks. I am talking about our kids—not somebody else's child who lives down the highway.

Many of these young women are those who come from caring, loving homes who believe their kids are not sexually active. These are parents who assume their kids to be abstinent, people with the best of intentions. When talking retrospectively about non-use of birth control, condom or otherwise, I have heard a myriad of sad recollections: "They would have killed me if they knew." "I tried to tell them but I was afraid...they would be so disappointed." "They think I am the exception", or "I wanted to buy condoms but I was afraid they would find one in my room." Sometimes kids say they hesitate to buy a condom because they can't face the clerk at the drugstore, or they don't know what to say to their

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Viewshed the Issue

Farr Opposes Otter Cove Home

Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, drew applause at a Big Sur meeting Friday when he announced he had written the Board of Supervisors urging it to reject an application for an oceanfront home south of Otter Cove.

Farr told the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council he did not know how much federal involvement was appropriate, but he hoped the supervisors would grant an appeal challenging the Planning Commission's narrow approval of a 7,625-square-foot home.

"The issue is important if we are to protect the critical viewshed in Big Sur," Farr said, "and hopefully, the board will deny it."

The principal issue surrounding the home proposed by Stephen and Wendie Ryter, a Minnesota couple who want to move here, is whether it would be located in an extension of the existing Otter Cove subdivision, which is about six miles south of Carmel, or governed by the adjacent Big Sur Land Use area.

Regulations allow development within the crucial viewshed in Otter Cove, but prohibit it in the Big Sur Land Use plan. The land use plan's restrictions on critical viewshed parcels are getting renewed attention because of a dispute between a local Big Sur group known as Coastwatch and powerful conservation interests. (See story on page 1.)

Planning Director Bob Slimmon, attending the council meeting, described the controversy as "more of a legal issue than a viewshed issue. If the board denies the appeal, it can be appealed to the Coastal Commission, and obviously, it may end up

going well beyond that."

The Planning Department and the county counsel ruled that the Ryter's proposed home would be located within an extension of Otter Cove, where special exemptions allow construction in the viewshed.

But neighbors Linda Hanna and Mike Stemler appealed, arguing that the Ryter's two lots, valued at some \$3 million, were within the Big Sur Land Use Plan area where construction was forbidden in the viewshed.

Zad Leavy, representing the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District at the council session, agreed with Farr's view. Announcing the regional park district had agreed to join the appeal, he said, "It would set a bad precedent for other properties to the south."

At its Tuesday meeting, the Board of Supervisors accepted a consent item which set a hearing on the appeal for Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. The staff report to the board also noted other groups had joined in the Hanna/Stemler appeal. In addition to the regional park district, they are the League of Women Voters and the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club.

In another indication of concern about the viewshed, residents, including members of Coastwatch, complained about Caltrans putting up so many road signs on the scenic coast route. They cited in particular Adopt-a-Highway signs and the big white billboards erected near construction that read "Your highway taxes at work."

Pat Wright, a Big Sur business



SUPERVISOR SAM KARAS AND REP. SAM FARR co-chaired the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting Friday where Farr announced he had written the supervisors opposing the proposed construction of an oceanfront home just south of Otter Cove. At the right is Kathleen Jordan, district ranger for the Los Padres National Forest.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Karas Will Refer Advisory Group Merger to Planning Commission

Supervisor Sam Karas, bombarded with criticism of the county's plan to consolidate its citizen advisory committees, agreed Friday to refer the hot-potato proposal to the Planning Commission.

"How come we have no input?" demanded Planning Commissioner Jo Stallard during a discussion of the proposal at the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council Friday. "The Planning Commission appoints these committees. Why should the supervisors make the decision? You should allow the Planning Commission to make the decision."

Stallard, recently reappointed to the commission by Karas, directed her questions at both Karas and Planning Director Bob Slimmon. Another commissioner, Mo Orrett, was in the audience, but did not join in the discussion.

"The board has not referred it to the Planning Commission," Slimmon told her. The board asked Slimmon for his recommendation on the advisory committees, and he sent his plan for consolidation back to the it.

"Do you want us to refer it back to the Planning Commission?" Karas asked.

"Absolutely," Stallard replied.

"Some applicants have felt they were not treated nicely when they went before the advisory committees," Karas said. "They should be treated in a humane way. Members shouldn't make derogatory remarks."

Barbara Rainer, one of several advisory committee members present from coastal areas, jumped in. "I've had applicants swear and use four-letter words at me. Applicants can be unpleasant, too." She is on the Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee.

John Harlan, a member of the South Coast Advisory Committee, told Karas that Slimmon's proposal to consolidate 18 present committees into no more than eight "is going to cause problems." He noted that a proposed new coastal committee would have to cover 70 miles down the coast, making logistics difficult.

Rainer, who has taken a lead in trying to block the consolidation plan, noted that the committees "depend on volunteers rather than using staff. Has the staff

been asked if they want this?"

Steve Pappas, chairman of the Big Sur Advisory Committee, told Karas and Slimmon, "I wouldn't see this as workable. In fact, it's totally unworkable."

When Harlan defended use of the committees because of their intimate knowledge of their own areas, another member of the Big Sur Advisory Committee spoke up to agree. "I've been doing it for 20 years—for nothing."

"Okay then, we'll let the Planning Commission decide," Karas said.

The issue of the advisory committees came up several times during the four-hour meeting. At one point, Karas assured the group that he did not want to take away "local control" of land use planning, saying the board was simply trying to streamline the planning process.

He said with the 18 existing committees, Slimmon's department can not afford to staff them with county planners regularly. Reducing the number would allow a planner to attend one meeting of each new committee a month, he explained.

"Right now, they (the committees) have no staff help whatsoever. Sometimes inaccurate information gets out. Sometimes they don't know all the rules."

After one speaker said the county had used advisory committees as a first step in the planning process since 1962, Slimmon commented that they had been around longer than that. "They were here when I went to work for the county in 1955."

Both the Carmel City Council and the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association also voted to go on record opposed to the committees' consolidation.

Carmel City Council Meetings Doubled

Mayor Ken White announced Tuesday that the Carmel City Council will meet regularly twice a month from now on. White said that in addition to the regular monthly meeting, there would be a study session on various topics every month. Council meetings normally are held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

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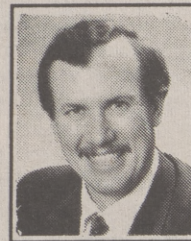
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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. A Carmel woman reported seeing a naked man in an office building after hours. A deputy said he found and identified the man. 1/10.

RIO ROAD. A Pacific Grove man said his wallet was stolen at Chevy's Restaurant. 1/10.

CARMEL RANCHO. An open door was discovered at Jason's Restaurant, but a deputy said nothing was amiss. 1/10.

Spare Key Stolen

CARMEL. A woman reported her spare house key had been stolen from where she had hid it under a rock outside her San Juan Road home. Reporting she also was missing a set of keys to her car, the woman said she suspected a former housekeeper whom she had fired. 1/11.

VILLAGE. A man was arrested and jailed when a deputy, responding to a report of a domestic problem on Calle De Los Ositos, found a woman bleeding from a wound on her face she said had been inflicted by her husband. 1/12.

BIG SUR. An employee of El Sur Ranch reported a trespasser had parked his car on ranch property. 1/12.

Bike Picked Clean

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Southbank reported the theft of all the parts of her "Rock Hopper" bicycle except the frame—which was chained to a tree near Kasey's Convenience Store. 1/12.

CARMEL. A man who lives on Berwick reported a man purporting to be from a Publishers' Clearing House sweepstakes game asked him to send \$200 to Houston to collect a prize. He did not. 1/12.

BIG SUR. A woman from Rosebud, Australia, telephoned the Sheriff's Office from Cambria to report someone took her video recorder while she was staying at Ripplewood. 1/13.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Santa Clara man mailed a key case to the Sheriff's Office saying he had found in near the intersection of Carmel Rancho and Carmel Valley Road. It had two keys to a Ford vehicle and a house key on it. 1/13.

VILLAGE. A custodian at Tularcitos School reported finding property at the school that appeared to come from the Carmel Valley Community Center. A deputy said he investigated and found the Community Center swimming pool office had been burglarized, but nothing of value was taken. 1/13.

Beer and Liquor Stolen

VILLAGE. A Village resident reported the theft of beer and liquor from the Trail & Saddle Club. 1/14.

CARMEL RANCHO. A security officer reported finding an open window at Pruden-

tial securities. A deputy determined that an employee forgot to close it. 1/14.

BIG SUR. A Santa Barbara man reported being assaulted on Highway 1 near Santa Lucia Ranch. 1/14.

VILLAGE. An official reported someone broke into the Little League snack bar and announcing booth and took an answering machine, public address speakers and amplifiers. The items were recovered some 300 yards away, a deputy said. 1/14.

CARMEL. A woman who lives on Handley Drive reported seeing a group of students from Carmel Middle School fighting near Valley Way. 1/14.

RIO ROAD. Someone turned in a wallet they found near Rio Road and Highway 1 to the Carmel Police Department. It was identified as belonging to a Burlingame man, and a deputy said his mother was coming to pick it up. 1/14.

SOUTH COAST. A Palo Colorado Canyon resident was stopped on Highway 1 at Ribera Road and turned over to the CHP for DUI. 1/15.

Business Checks Forged

CARMEL RANCHO. Flowers Unlimited in the Barnyard reported business checks stolen from the shop had subsequently been forged and cashed. 1/15.

SOUTH COAST. A Palo Colorado man reported the burglary of a cabin on Garrapata Road in which a coat was taken. 1/15.

SOUTH COAST. A Livermore man reported his vehicle was burglarized while parked on Highway 1 near Point Lobos. He said two purses, jackets and a camera were taken. 1/15.

SOUTH COAST. A Bakersfield man, stopped by a deputy on Highway 1 near Mal Paso Creek, was turned over to the CHP on DUI charges. 1/15.

CARMEL RANCHO. The Thunderbird reported having a woman in custody for the theft of a book. 1/16.

It's a Lion—It's a Deer

CARMEL. Three Atwater, Calif., men, stopped for driving erratically on Highway 1, were turned over to Fish & Game authorities for possible game law violations. The deputy who stopped them noticed a shotgun in the car, and with their permission, searched the vehicle. He said he found the carcass of a deer, 19 pigeons and a number of gray squirrels. He also found other firearms in the trunk. The deputy said the men claimed they shot the deer thinking it was a mountain lion. 1/16.

CARMEL. A woman who lives in Carmel Woods said a wallet and cellular telephone were stolen from her unlocked Jeep. She told a deputy she did not know where the theft occurred. 1/16.

RIO ROAD. A cashier at Rio Road Chevron reported a man asked to get approval of a VISA card bearing a woman's name before he purchased gas. The report came back that the card was lost or stolen, and the man left before the attendant could identify his car, a deputy said. The attendant kept the card. 1/16.

VILLAGE. A man who lives on Village Drive said that a neighbor had taken his cat. The neighbor told a deputy the cat was hers, and the deputy said neither had proof of ownership. 12/16.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Village Drive reported her 10-year-old son was battered by a man who had earlier complained a neighbor had taken his cat. 1/16.

Honking Annoys Woman

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on El Caminito reported a neighbor had been disturbing the peace by honking her horn in front of the woman's house for the past four years. The driver explained to a deputy that there is a blind curve in the road there, and she honks to warn oncoming drivers. 1/16.

RIO ROAD. An employee of Mail Boxes Etc., at the Crossroads reported the business had been robbed of some \$1,600 in cash by someone who pried open the rear door. 1/16.



PARKED CARS WITH FOR SALE SIGNS will no longer be allowed at the entrance to Carmel Valley Village when a new Welcome Garden is installed. The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) project is awaiting the green light from the county to start work on the garden in the next few weeks. Plans call for the garden area to include a hand-carved bench and information for visitors. Stonepine Estates Resort paid \$450 for the bench at the Village Affair Monday night.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

Lodge Wins Okay for Outdoor Music, But Monitoring Ordered

By Carolyn Rice

The Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Tuesday to continue to allow live outdoor music at Los Laureles Lodge, but required it to be monitored in response to angry neighbors who complained it disrupts their lives.

Michael Tancredi, who identified himself as the primary spokesman for 120 homeowners in the nearby neighborhood, asked supervisors to deny a use permit allowing the inn to have outdoor events with music.

"The use permit would allow activities way beyond the scope of anything that has ever happened before," he argued.

Eighteen people testified at the two hour hearing with the neighbors protesting the noise. Eleven spoke in behalf of the lodge's right to have outdoor events with music.

Under the permit, 36 outdoor events with amplified sound will be allowed annually at the century-old lodge, with a limit of not more than five hours a day between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

But supervisors said a qualified person approved by the Planning Department should monitor sound levels in the neighborhood during some events and report the findings back to the county.

The sound will be monitored for six months after sound reduction equipment is installed, and the permit will be formally reviewed by the supervisors in October. In setting the October review, the board lifted a two-year limit that initially had been placed on the use permit.

Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis, who issued the initial permit for outdoor music in August, said he did not see anything in the supervisors' action which would eliminate activities at the lodge, but said the sound needs "be down to a level that's not obtrusive. The neighbors will hear events, but it shouldn't be to the point they should have to leave homes."

The permit requires owners Noel and Gordon Hentschel to build a sound absorbing bandstand for the music groups which opens only toward the outdoor entertainment area. It also requires a speaker system which distributes the sound inward toward the entertainment area.

Noel Hentschel, visibly upset after the hearing, called the conditions "not fair." She said it would cost the lodge about \$40,000 to make the required improvements, and then the county could still require more after the review.

Gordon Hentschel said the lodge and Stonepine, another Hentschel inn, employ 90 people. "We spent over \$2 million restoring the lodge," he said. "It is difficult to be successful without weddings and special events. They are the bread and butter for an inn of this type."

A neighbor who lives above the inn, Jerry Edlund, said "this thing has got to be stopped." He said he has been a resident for 35 years and has a 65-foot-long window "shaking from the junk that comes from that place. I want my privacy and my quiet, and I have the money to carry it further."

But Roger Williams, who lives across the street about 300 feet from the lodge, said the music does not bother him. "The former owners made considerably more noise than I've heard in years," he said.

Myron Etienne, attorney for the Hentschels, said "there may be some impact on neighbors. The neighbors can't expect absolute silence. There has been no give and take on the part of the neighbors."

He reported he had checked with former owners who told him they used to play loud music every day in the pool area during the summer. Weddings, huge luaus and other events also have been held throughout the years, he said.

A sound level in the neighborhood of 80 decibels should be acceptable to neighbors, Etienne said, noting a car driving down Carmel Valley Road produces 50 decibels.

Etienne had brought the appeal to the supervisors on behalf of the lodge, protesting conditions which required monitoring and the expiration of the use permit in 1996. "It's just not fair to have them go all through it again," he said.

Basically the lodge accepted 18 other conditions imposed by Ellis, he said, objecting to just those two.

Noel Hentschel said it would cost between \$800 and \$1,000 for each event to have an engineer on hand, not an affordable expense if the lodge is to be economically viable.

Ellis later told The Sun said the monitoring plan will be worked out by his department, and he would not expect every event to be monitored.

The condition now calls for a qualified person rather than a sound engineer, he said.

A number of Valley residents appeared in behalf of Los Laureles, including innkeepers, Peter Coakley and Glen Gur-

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Mayor Promises Wage Hikes In Next Budget If Finances Okay

By Isabelle Hall

Mayor Ken White pledged Monday that if tax revenues continue at the present pace, the City Council will begin negotiations for a pay raise for employees at the start of the next fiscal year July 1, but will hold firm against any changes this year.

White made the promise at a news conference at City Hall Monday to defend the administration's stand pat position on the wage impasse that led to a demonstration by city employees at the regular Council meeting Jan. 11. He said, "The only way to do anything this year is to make cuts," a course the council has rejected.

White argued that Carmel "has kept employee groups very competitive with benefit packages and very competitive with small cities on the peninsula. Salary is where we all agree the real pressure is."

"The grass always seems to be greener on the other side of the fence," he said. "Our pasture's starting to grow green. If the first quarter revenues and the next quarter trend is up, the council will call in employees' groups in and start negotiations."

The mayor said the council was responding to the public last June when it cut \$142,000 in proposed pay increases from the budget because "There was no sense to cut positions and give a pay raise." Of seven proposed position cuts, four were implemented.

City Administrator Jere Kersnar said he projected an excess of \$98,000 at the end of the 1993-94 fiscal year if the present upward trend continues in Carmel's income. Both men cautioned, however, that in recent years the key hostelry and sales tax revenues had declined during the third and fourth quarters of the year.

They also agreed that so far as they knew the current situation where an economic downturn had led to an impasse with city employees was unique in Carmel. But they said the employees "have lost nothing, as some people think."

Carmel's \$7,098,487 budget is financed by revenues generated largely from the tourist trade. Hostelry taxes, the biggest of the five major revenues, is estimated to bring in \$2.7 million this year.

White called the news conference at City Hall which was closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, saying, "We were all a little concerned with the unstructured happening at the end of the meeting Tuesday."

Asked what he was referring to as an "unstructured happening," he said, "They (employees) were told previously that there would be time allowed for two groups to speak that had asked to speak. The police and firemen were told they could speak during appearances."

The police and firemen's employee groups said they were not advised they could not speak when the council considered action on continuing the present contracts with the management and general employees' associations. About two dozen employees waited through the four-hour council session to plea for wage increases but were denied the opportunity. The public also was not invited to speak.

Asked about the city's rejection of changes in the new layoff policy which employees contend is not a financial issue, Kersnar said, "That's getting into negotiations, and we can't discuss it."

Kersnar said he had held 20 meetings since August with the four groups which represent management, general employees, police and firemen. All but the firemen declared an impasse.

As the negotiator for the council, Kersnar said he sought and was guided by the Los Angeles law firm of Liebert, Cassidy and Frierson which he described as one of the preeminent firms in the public law area. He said for about \$2,000 a year the city buys personnel training and in return gets free legal advice by telephone from the firm.

"We constantly refer to them, and we will constantly keep within the law," White said, adding that Carmel has participated in the Monterey Bay Area Employ-

ment Relations Consortium which retains the firm for the past nine years.

Kersnar said he was experienced in labor negotiations as a result of being assistant city manager in Cathedral City which had about 175 employees. He said all such negotiations are strictly guided by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

"We follow state law that governs the whole process of negotiations for cities," Kersnar said. "We don't negotiate in the press but we do want to make sure people understand the process. We're in a situation that we have not been in...The city has never been in an economic situation leading to impasse."

White said he and Councilman Bob Fischer constituted the Personnel Committee and met regularly with Kersnar and Assistant Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio, the council's negotiators. Kersnar also has met with the full council in closed sessions.

Asked if the council had voted against the employee groups' request for a state mediator, White turned to Kersnar who said it had. Kersnar said the "whole point of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act is that the City Council has the final word." Asked how a mediator would usurp that, he referred again to the law, explaining that it was passed because governmental employee groups felt they weren't being heard.

"In my opinion, it has worked well," Kersnar said. "We have had discussions with the groups, and their decisions have been communicated."

Kersnar said the council's action Jan. 11 approving final offers for both the management and general employee associations will stand because "the council is prohibited from doing anything different now. The language of the resolutions was that there was a last, best and final offer transmitted to the groups. They rejected it and the council confirmed it at the open meeting."

White said the council had two goals: "We don't want to make any more cuts, and we want some type of competitive wages for our employees."

Ronald D. Mink Dies

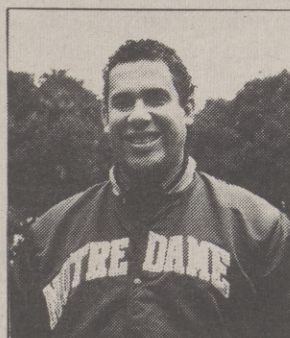
Ronald D. Mink, who helped develop a number of chemical products and lived in Carmel Valley for 17 years, died Jan. 6 at his home. He was 64.

A veteran of the Korean War, he was trained as a geologist at the University of Illinois. He worked with major oil companies in the United States and Venezuela and founded three firms specializing in plastic and chemical products.

Survivors include his widow, Myrna; two daughters, Celeste of Carmel Valley and Marcia of Houston; two sons, Matthew of Carmel Valley and Ronald Jr., of Houston, his mother and a sister of Bull Shoals, Ark.; a brother, Lee of Carmel Valley; and two grandchildren.

The family asked that any memorials be sent to Santa Catalina or Chartwell Schools or the Salvation Army.

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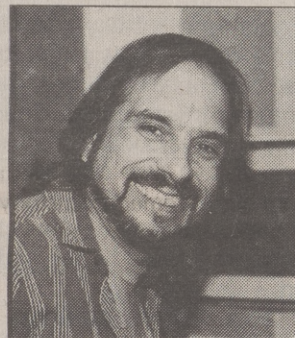


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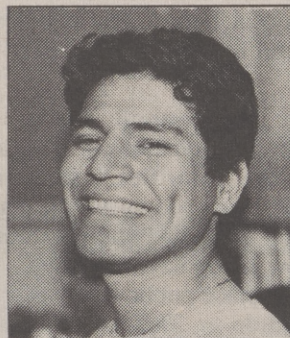
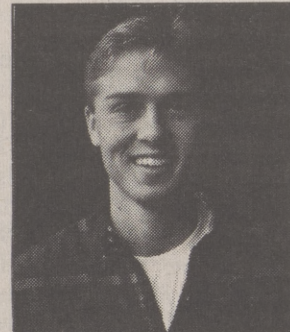


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Police Seek to Bargain

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last adjustment. The cities were chosen by the council two years ago.

There seemed little chance for any agreement. The Tuesday meeting, called specifically for a mid-year budget review, heard Kersnar predict there would be a \$98,150 surplus in July if revenues continue as expected, but he said this should be rolled over as a buffer for next year and called for the council to approve a resolution banning any new expenditures. It passed 5-0.

An eloquent picture of a depleted police department was painted by Officer John Nyunt, dressed in blue jeans and a T-shirt, who said most people wouldn't know him because he worked the midnight to 8 a.m. shift for the past three years.

"It's embarrassing for me, especially last Saturday when a new trainee came in," Nyunt said. "We had one patrol car working. It was embarrassing that there's nothing working. What do I say to this new officer? The people suffer when we have to answer 10 calls and can't get there. It's ridiculous."

"I can't tell you how many times I've been to somebody's house to fix a toilet. That's what we do. We do personal service for the residents. Think about who you're going to call in the middle of the night. You really need to take a look at what is needed for the city."

Chandler, who read a letter from the association made public last week, and Nyunt were loudly applauded. "We have the

right to be treated fairly, and this has not been the case," Chandler said, noting the employees had repeatedly asked Kersnar for an explanation of the council's refusal to call in a state mediator at no cost to either side.

Phil Nash, the new officer whom Nyunt had referred to, was introduced to the audience by Chief Don Fuselier at White's invitation. The six-foot-four, 270-pound former offensive tackle from Cal State Sacramento also won applause.

"We spent \$30,000 on a study for an \$11 million theater at Sunset Center yet we can't do anything in solving this. It's time someone figured out the priorities," said Joseph Chaffers.

"I'm here to speak on behalf of the police and fire departments," Ramsey said. "If our police and firemen are not supported and paid adequately, then we are jeopardizing the city we all profess to love so much with the trees we love to talk about." She also referred to city money spent on projects like Sunset, First Murphy Park and the Post Office plaza.

"Simply stated, you get what you pay for," said Chuck August.

"Without public safety we don't have a damn thing in this town," said Dave Roman, asking how Carmel could cope with an earthquake such as hit Southern California this week "if we are going to let our public safety dwindle down to nothing."

After listening to the barrage, White turned to Kersnar during the budget review and asked, "Why don't we have those two new police cars sitting out there?"

Kersnar told him that the council's authorization to buy one new patrol car last October had been delayed because the staff was trying to put together a lease purchase to stretch the funds to obtain two cars.

"The lack of two new cars really isn't this council's fault," said Councilman Bob Fischer, the former assistant police chief of Carmel who was praised by the police for his support.

Fischer was angry, however, after Nieman questioned how the council could come up with a list of goals that included a study of the definition of a T-shirt, but made no mention of street repairs or maintenance of public equipment when Carmel has "police cars that don't work and streets that look like washboards."

"I feel very disgusted," Fischer said, to think that members of the public would believe "that I would sit up here and not be fully aware of the problems. To intimate that I have no concern is ridiculous. The highest priority of all of us is public safety. If you think we're going to allow the police department to deteriorate for the definition of a T-shirt...that is ridiculous. I fully intend to see" public safety looked after.

"Either the council doesn't know how to direct negotiations or it doesn't understand the priorities," said Howard Nieman, Jr. "You people are the managers. You have the responsibility to sort it out. I don't know if you have instructed your negotiators to place public safety first. If not, you should do so. The rest of these things don't matter. It doesn't mean a damn thing to count every tree in the city if people are not safe in their homes."



CARMEL POLICE OFFICER JOHN NYUNT told the City Council Tuesday he was embarrassed by the police department's lack of equipment. Nyunt is pictured above at a ceremony when he was honored for helping catch a jewelry store bandit. With him are from left to right, Zale Co. executive George Slich, former Police Chief Jack McGilvray and Claude Taybi of Zale.

Sun file photo



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING depicts the Barney Laiolo Redwood Grove at Mission Trails Park.

Barney Laiolo Will Be Honored At Dedication Ceremonies

Three-time former Mayor Barney Laiolo will be honored Saturday at ceremonies for the dedication of The Barney Laiolo Redwood Grove in Mission Trail Park.

Laiolo, who had to change his plan to run for mayor again this year because of his health, said, "This next Saturday thing is something I didn't expect. It was all put together when I was away. I'm not a great one for all these accolades. I'm just the kind of guy who does the job."

His friend, Ron Meyer, will be master of ceremonies at the dedication at 2:30 p.m. to honor the 84-year-old Laiolo for "his many years of service to the community and more specifically for his leadership in the acquisition of the Mission Trail Park as an open space to be enjoyed today and by the future generations of Carmelites."

In the event of rain, the dedication will move to the Mission Ranch Barn where a buffet and no host bar gathering is planned following the formalities.

Two new redwood trees will be

planted at the site which is just about 600 yards on the main trail from the Rio Road park entrance, and the "Barney Stone" will be blessed by Monsignor Declan Murphy of the Carmel Mission Basilica, Meyer said.

William Doolittle, who donated some of the land for the park, will recite a history of the property. Mayor Ken White will give Laiolo a plaque and some "Friends of Barney" will help him plant the trees.

Meyer's program includes, "Acknowledgement by Barney Laiolo and the announcement that he will be opening a school for homeless Gut Bucket musicians at the Flanders Mansion." Laiolo has played the gut bucket for years at local musical events.

Laiolo did not take out papers to contest the mayoralty race after his doctor advised him against it. "I've got to take care of myself first," he said. "The city's been wonderful to me, and I always wanted to give something back. I've done my best to do that."

Randazzo to Head Study into Airport Purchase and Use

Board member Randy Randazzo was named by the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District to determine if the community is interested in trying to purchase the 30-acre Carmel Valley airfield.

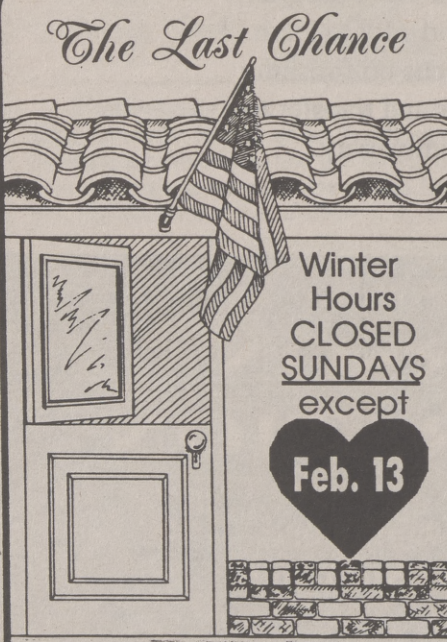
The action came at the board's Jan. 12 meeting and authorized Randazzo, a Village grocer, to create a committee to investigate interest in the airfield, possible uses for it and the long-term needs of the community and, finally, how its purchase might be financed.

Randazzo said he would set public hearings and encouraged residents interested in serving with him on the committee to contact him at 659-2472.

He also said residents wishing to comment on the issue could write him at P. O. Box 197, Carmel Valley 93924.

Owned by Peter and Mary DelFino, the airport has been for sale for several years. It is listed for \$4.6 million. It was developed in the 1940s as the centerpiece of what was envisioned at the time to be a community from which people would commute by air.

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A black and white photograph showing a dramatic coastal scene. In the foreground, a paved road winds along the edge of a steep, rocky cliff. The road curves sharply to the right, then back towards the left. Below the cliff, the ocean is visible with white foam from waves crashing against the shore and scattered rocks. In the distance, more rugged coastline and cliffs are visible under a cloudy sky. The overall mood is one of wild, natural beauty.

A black and white photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, a dirt path leads up a grassy hill. Two people are standing on the crest of the hill, looking out over the water. In the background, there are rolling hills and a body of water with some small boats.

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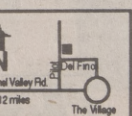
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Carmel Artist Says He Lives and Works in Heaven

By Carolyn Rice

In his cottage filled with stone carvings, photography and bronze sculpture, artist Ken Wiese, 70, said he counts himself extremely fortunate to be in Carmel "living in heaven, working in heaven."

Retired since 1988 from teaching at Carmel Middle School, Wiese taught arts and crafts for 35 years in the Carmel school district, and said he still misses his students. He now fills his days with his art projects and travel to a number of European countries and Mexico.

With his white hair and kindly face, Wiese looks right at home in the workshop he created in his garage. Tools and projects fill every nook and cranny. His home originally was a Carmel vacation cottage built in the late '30s or early '40s, he said.

Wiese, whose penchant is carving stone, has focused more of his time recently on photography. Displayed on the wall in his living room is a large print of a photo taken in Venice. A man is striding down the sidewalk with an old building and a bridge reflected in a canal filled with Venetian boats. The texture of the photo resembles a painting, especially the water reflections in it.

Wiese won People's Choice with his print at the Monterey Fair in 1992. This past year, another of his photos won Best of Show.

His said the goal with his stone carving is to create a form which would be in harmony with any adjacent form. "Carving is a happening. It absolutely just happens," he said. "Stonework is my favorite." His work flows with smooth, graceful lines.

He laughed when he recalled a hand-carved wooden tray he made while in high school. Still displayed in his living room, the tray is shaped like leaves with a tree trunk carved down the center.

"At that time I was a purist," Wiese chuckled. He believed all artwork should be done by hand using no machines.

"What an ego trip. That's hilarious. I was in that about a year and then my intelligence kicked in."

Wiese said if he had continued with his original thinking, "I may have had about six pieces to show by now."

But his philosophy changed. "The only thing that matters is the result—the end product," he said.

Sitting beside Wiese was a three-foot high, graceful bronze sculpture called "Standing Bird." He also displays the piece



KEN WIESE DISPLAYS his art throughout his Carmel cottage and in his sculpture garden.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

in Ludwa Studio, a Carmel gallery, where anyone who buys it can request their own individual bird be cast, using a patina in the color of their choice.

Wiese picked up a prized white alabaster carving depicting the Madonna and Child. Holding it up to the window, he showed how the stone is translucent with the natural light glowing through it.

In his yard, Wiese has built several stone and wooden decks. He displays his sculpture throughout his garden. Cast resin pieces are shown off in one area, while alabaster and bronze abstract pieces decorate another.

Wiese said he still misses teaching. "It was hard leaving teaching to tell you the truth. I taught kids of kids."

When the second generation came along, they always quizzed him about what kind of

students their parents had been, he recalled.

Wiese was hired to teach at Sunset School in 1953. He said the principal and superintendent were considering two candidates for the job, and he sat in the same room as they debated which one to hire.

"I was like a scared mouse," he recalled.

Finally they picked up a letter of recommendation from a teacher in Fresno where Wiese had done his student teaching. The teacher liked to go out and play handball and would leave Wiese in charge of his classes.

"I would have really liked to have had the guy around, but he was gone. I just stuck it out and did the best I could."

Then Wiese said the teacher wrote a glowing letter of recommendation. "Sometimes there are blessings in disguise," he said. Being on his own during his student teaching, he got a good feeling for working with the students, he said.

Wiese said when he grew up, he felt "like I was one of the dumbest kids in the world. I was very shy, very introverted. I was caught in the good boy syndrome."

But as an adult he decided he was not always going to try to be a people pleaser rather than doing what he wanted to do.

"I finally got out of that. It took many years to get out of it."

Wiese said he always empathized with students in the classroom who could not think for themselves. "I could spot those kids who were having trouble thinking," he said. When assigned a project, some kids would sit there a couple of days unable to sketch an idea, he recalled. "They were so

used to following orders, they didn't realize they could think up something on their own."

He would work with them, convincing them their ideas had merit, he said. He believes everyone has some innate artistic abilities. "I would start with each individual where they were," he said.

After teaching 10 years at Sunset School, Wiese moved to Carmel Middle School when it opened in 1963 and spent the next 25 years there.

Wiese wore a tie to school each day. "I was going to make up for the image of the old shop teachers who were sloppy," he explained.

Principal Karl Pallastrini of Middle School said Wiese's students loved him. "He was truly an outstanding teacher. He believed in the potential and ability of every student. There was never any question in his mind that each student had potential. He was a believer in the student, and I don't recall him ever having a discipline problem."

"I took every kid as an individual," Wiese recalled. Sometimes people would warn him about certain students, but Wiese said he "would never listen to that. I never had a preconceived notion about a student."

But his kindness toward students and respect for them didn't preclude discipline. "I did chew out a lot of students," he remembered.

Wiese believes he has a guardian angel who watches over him and watched over the students in his classroom. In the 35 years I taught, I never had a serious injury," he said. "That's an incredible record. I'm extremely grateful for that."

Wiese said it was scary to teach in a shop "with all kinds of machinery and everybody using it."

He preached safety and students, some of whom had never worked with machines, always made their first effort under his direct supervision.

Wiese said he taught "by feeling. Theory just doesn't work in the classroom. They sound great, but somehow they don't work in the classroom."

He decided to leave teaching when he began to have a little trouble with his vision and hearing. Wiese said he always had the ability to know what was going on everywhere in his classroom. Students would sometimes be surprised when he knew what had happened without looking in their direction. "I could hear little sounds," he explained.

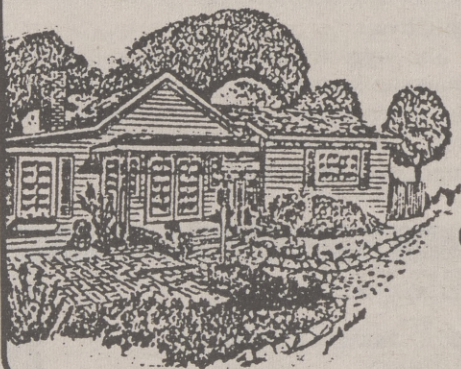
Although he knew when it was time to retire, Wiese said, "I could go back today and do a good job of teaching."

One of his former students, William Morris, went on to become a world-renowned glassblower, Wiese said.

Wiese credits his former wife, Dort who lives in Carmel, with helping him become a teacher. They both held down jobs to enable him to attend college, and remain close friends although they divorced 20 years ago, he said. He also has a son and two grandchildren.

Wiese's work is exhibited in galleries throughout the United States and is in private collections in America, Europe and Asia. It is displayed locally at the Carmel Art Association, LaRue Gallery, Ludwa Studio and the Monterey College of Law.

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Ignoring Staff, Planners Take Independent Stance

By Isabelle Hall

Five members of the Carmel Planning Commission voted to find a way around city ordinances and restrictions to approve the Spinning Wheel Restaurant's application to serve three meals a day and stay open until 9:30 p.m. despite admonitions from the planning director and city attorney.

Recent appointee Marshall Hydorn said if the commissioners could not make such decisions then, "We don't need to be up here. We could have a clerk up here."

Only Commissioner Melanie Billig dissented after pointing out that Spinning Wheel owner John Nahas shouldn't be treated "as a special case," and even she said she supported letting him serve three meals a day.

Such local groups as the Carmel Residents Association and the Abalone Club have held large private dinners at the Spinning Wheel which has become popular with locals under new owner John Nahas. Councilwoman Barbara Brooks and Planning Commissioner Carl Livingston both said in December that they wanted to help Nahas out financially but said they could not because of the conflict of interest that would create.

Planning Director Brian Roseth explained that the Spinning Wheel is one of eight restaurants in the Service Commercial (SC) district that are non-conforming and not allowed to change any of their uses. "It is sort of frozen in place as a two-meal restaurant," he told the commission.

He also advised that under the new Measure H restrictions, a commercial business in the SC district cannot stay open past 8 p.m. if it is within 100 feet of the R-1 District. The Spinning Wheel is less than a half block south of Ocean Avenue next to the City Hall and across the road from a motel and is, itself, part of a motel. But it is situated diagonally across the road from a row of houses on the west side of Monte Verde.

"You're talking about a land use issue," said City Attorney Don Freeman. "It's a non conforming use." He suggested the commission consider changing the zoning "in order to protect yourselves" rather than ignore the city record on non-conforming properties which holds that some day such uses will conform, presumably by disappearing.

"You're going to have to come up with reasons for doing this, otherwise you'll find yourselves in a legal box some day," Freeman warned. "You need to find findings for approval that relate to that property not the person running the restaurant. It's a land use issue not a people issue."

Tom Nash, attorney for the restaurant, said that in the past it was a well-known steak house, and it was only in recent years that previous owners stopped serving an evening meal. He said the owner would cut the number of seats from the 59 allowed to 43 if he could serve three meals a day from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hydorn moved for approval. Commissioner Carl Livingston likened the Spinning Wheel to La Playa Hotel, which also is in the residential district, saying, "He should be allowed to serve three meals a day. It's very important to us that we stand up and take a position. It's a common sense issue. It would be a terrible disservice to this community (not to grant the application). Lots of residents eat there."

"It's incumbent on us to listen to the advice of our attorney," cautioned Chairman Jack Kennedy, himself an attorney. "That's why he's sitting there. I don't think we could change the zoning in the next 10 minutes."

Commissioner John Thodos said, "If we are in violation of Measure H, who steps forward to tell us it's an abuse?" "We do. The staff," said Freeman.

"Are you telling us we can't do this?" demanded Livingston.

"No," said Freeman. "But you must have a reason. It may look like it's in the Central Commercial zone but it's not. You might look at changing the zoning."

"The man will go out of business by then," said Livingston.

"You have to look at your code and you have to follow the rules," Freeman insisted. "You have to anchor your decision on land use issues." He suggested the proposed reduction in seating could be one valid mitigation of the code.

The city filed a complaint against Nahas late last year for non-payment of hostelry taxes. Sympathetic customers have tried to help him ever since he took over the business about a year ago. Livingston said he ate breakfast there every day.

"It's not a question that we don't want to help these people," said Billig. "None of the other restaurants (in the SC district) are allowed to open at 7:30 a.m. We need to be extremely careful. It would be difficult to say no one could be seated after 8 p.m."

Billig urged her colleagues to come up with "reasons why you think this is a special case. You cannot willy-nilly, Carl—no matter if you think this is a wonderful person—ignore the code."

Roseth said a proposal by Nahas to close the restaurant between breakfast and lunch and lunch and dinner would be unenforceable by city staff who "can't be running over there all day."

Suggestions that the hours of operation be reduced were overridden by Hydorn, who said, "Let's stick to the hours he proposed even if they may be unenforceable, even if they transgress, we're not in the enforcement business."

The staff was instructed to bring the application back with findings for approval.

Billig also argued in vain on another application from Frank Grupé for a use permit to move his bar, Sade's, from Ocean Avenue to Lincoln south of Ocean. "We're getting ourselves in a quagmire," she warned. "We need overall planning so



THE SPINNING WHEEL RESTAURANT got a use permit from the Planning Commission to serve three meals a day. Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

everyone's treated equally.

"We've got some bars we've allowed to have food, then they become a restaurant. We can't have it both ways, otherwise we're going to have a nightmare."

Kennedy agreed it was an area that should be studied, suggesting the City Council might decide that a limit of three bars in the city established in Measure H "has no validity."

The issue of when bars are drinking places and when they are restaurants came up in December when new owners of Sade's longtime Ocean Avenue bar location and the new owners of Maxwell McFly's on Ocean Avenue both applied to serve food. In addition to the limit of three on bars, Measure H capped the total number of restaurants allowed on Ocean Avenue at 15.

Grupé argued that the people who own Sobos, the former Red Lion, really have a restaurant, not a bar, and so he could relocate his bar on Lincoln. The commission went along with this last month and voted 5-0 to instruct the staff to prepare findings for approval.

But when it came back Wednesday, Billig said she could not support the use permit, and the motion failed for lack of five affirmative votes when Hydorn joined her protesting "a proliferation of places serving until 2 a.m."

"If we can't move ahead, we're gone," Grupé protested. "I have to sign a lease. My lease is up March 1. I was under the

impression I had support the last time I was here."

Freeman suggested the commission could approve the application with a limited number of hours if that would satisfy the dissenters.

"This has not really much to do with you," Billig told Grupé. "It's the way this is being handled that I cannot support. These are land use, code issues. I'm very sorry."

"This is a local businessman," said Livingston. "Let's go ahead, and if we have to get our act together, let's do it later."

A second motion by Thodos requiring the bar to close by midnight passed 5-1 with Billig the lone dissenter.

Roseth pointed out that the hours for bars should be studied because the city ordinance is not in compliance with ABC requirements that only bars can stay open until 2 a.m. but bars cannot serve anyone under the age of 21, unlike a restaurant.

He also pointed out that allowing the bar would cost the city .02 acre feet of water for each of the 20 seats or a total of .4 acre feet. Coupled with an earlier commercial allocation, Roseth said this would use up 67 percent of the .55 acre feet allocated by the city for increased commercial use when the Peralta Well was approved.

The city gave Lee Hills project 7.2 percent of the total allocation last year. Only .14174 acre feet is left for all other projects, Roseth said.

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partner. Boys often tell me "I wanted to talk about these feelings with my Mom, but she gets this look on her face, and I just shut up." None of these worries, told to me always after the fact, stopped their sexual activity. Fear and lack of communication was as much responsible for a baby on the way as having sex.

Often the anguished girl, still a child at heart, will relate "My parents told me if I used birth control it would mean I was planning for it ahead of time." Fear of parents' rejection and disapproval acted as a barrier that helped facilitate a tragedy. Regardless of the outcome of a pregnancy, this young woman's life is forever changed and a part of innocence is lost.

Principal Marie Ishida is right—this is a "family matter." If a family stonewalls a teen's difficult task of talking about sex, or if Mom and Dad's own wish for their child's abstinence silences her need to ask for guidance, they may find their daughter in "a family way" long before her time.

Gayle M. Ward, MA
Carmel Valley

C of C Installation, Good Egg Awards Set for Saturday

New officers for the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will be installed at a dinner-dance Saturday at Raficho Canada and winners of the 40th annual good egg awards will be disclosed.

Randy Randazzo of Carmel Valley Market will succeed Dr. Robert Infelise as president of the chamber at the dinner. Other new officers are Burney Threadgill of First National Bank of Central California, first vice president; Jay Gentry of Rancho San Carlos, second vice president; Don Lamar of Lamar & Brock Realtors, secretary; and attorney Don Condren, treasurer.

Directors are Marjorie Loughridge of Carmel Gold Printing, Candy Meyer of Valley Lodge, Pamela Norton of Mid-Valley Travel, Michelle Pearson of PRS Personnel Service, Judi Pospishil of Pacific Western Bank, Gill Stirling of Bank of America and Leslie Voss of Carmel Valley Realty.

Reservations for the 6 p.m. dinner are required and may be made by calling 659-4000. The cost is \$35 per person or \$65 a couple.

SPORTS

Padres Drop Odd OT Game to Palma

Palma beat the Carmel High boys 50-48 in overtime Tuesday night in an odd game in which the Chieftains were held scoreless in the first quarter and then came back from 11 points down in the final period.

The outcome left four teams tied for first place in the Mission Trail Athletic League—Carmel, Robert Louis Stevenson, Alisal and Palma. Each has 3-1 MTAL records.

The Padres will travel to RLS on Friday for a 7 p.m. game which may help unscramble the logjam atop the standings.

The Chieftains fashioned their win in part by taking advantage of the cold-shooting Padres at the free throw line. They were just 5 for 20 on the night.

A pair of three-pointers kept Palma in the game, sending it into overtime. Then two free throws by Jeff Pluta clinched the game for Palma.

Senior guard R.J. Powell was high scorer for the Padres with 16. Joey Bernhard, another senior, added 13.

On Friday, the Padres traveled to Gonzales where they licked the Spartans 59-45.

Powell had the game high with 21 points. Bernhard and Jason Edwards, a senior, added 12 each.

The Padre boys junior varsity lost 48-33 to Palma while the freshmen went down 54-51 in overtime play.

Carmel freshmen and junior varsity will play at RLS at 4 and 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Carmel girls' team fell to Notre Dame 45-35 Tuesday after tromping Gonzales 51-32 Friday. Junior Jenn Rosenthal led Carmel scorers in each game, hitting 17 against Gonzales and 21 against Notre Dame. Vicki Phillips, a junior, added 15 at Gonzales and Darleen Tulua, a sophomore, scored 10.

The girls junior varsity won at Gonzales 28-24 with Shannon Dougherty, a freshman, scoring 16 for team high. They lost 40-18 at Notre Dame.

The Padre girls teams will host RLS at 5:15 and 7 p.m. on Friday.

Carmel takes on Pacific Grove Tuesday, the boys at home and the girls away.



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Rabbi to Head Medical Ethics Unit at City of Hope Hospital

By Carolyn Rice

"I don't think you can ever have a handbook on medical ethics," said Rabbi Norman Mendel of the Temple Beth Israel in Carmel Valley. "Every situation with human beings is different."

Mendel, 52, has recently accepted an appointment to organize a bioethics institute at the City of Hope, a 212-bed hospital and research center in Duarte, Calif., starting in summer.

As people live longer, genetic engineering becomes more commonplace and new medical breakthroughs occur, the number of medical ethic issues will continue to grow, according to Mendel.

He said he hopes the new institute will provide ethical guidelines for the myriad of new issues. "Hopefully, it will be a think tank for the medical community, health care providers and the general public," he said.

Mendel said the program will start modestly and perhaps expand into a program of semester or year-long studies. He hopes to attract "the best minds in the nation" to conduct conferences, he said.

"I will have a clearer perception of how it will work a year from now," Mendel said.

Mendel, who has served as the rabbi locally for four years, has been working at the City of Hope on his day off during that time, commuting to Southern California.

At the end of June, his contract with Beth Israel will end, and he plans to reverse his schedule—work Monday through Friday at the City of Hope and return to his Valley home on weekends.

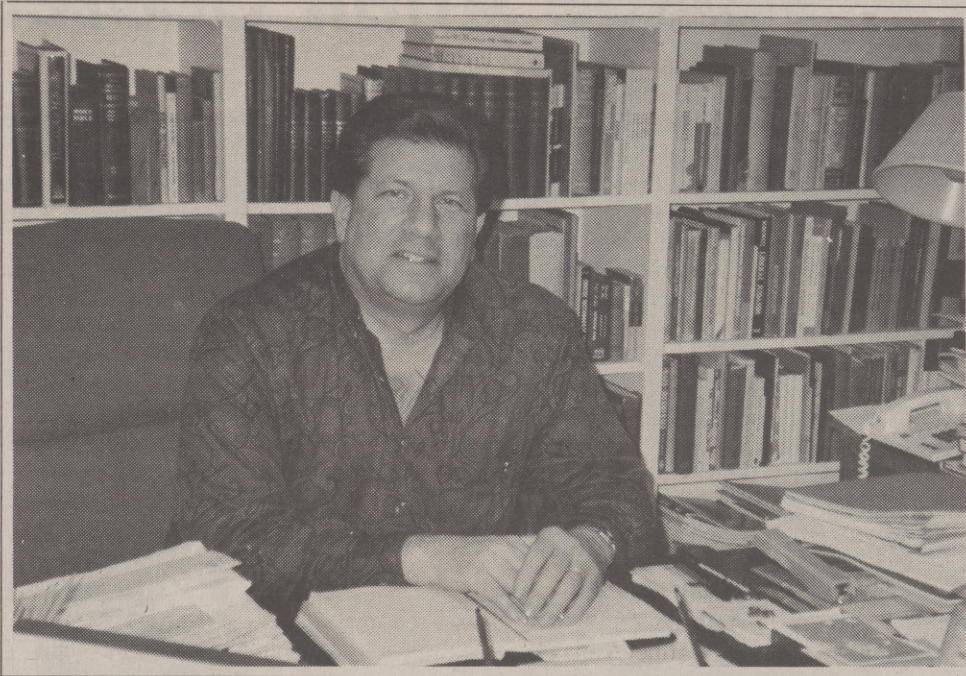
A solid man with brown hair, Mendel was born in Oakland and has served as a rabbi for 26 years, working with congregations in Fremont, Calif., Kansas City, Worcester, Mass., Johannesburg, South Africa and in Florida.

He graduated from the University of Southern California, studied at the Hebrew Union in Los Angeles and Cincinnati and earned his doctorate at the University of South Africa in Pretoria.

"I spent the past hopping around," he said. "I had a very interesting career." But his days of wanting to relocate are past, and he and his wife, Heather, plan to keep their Carmel Valley home and make it their permanent location, he said.

Mendel said the City of Hope "wants to be in the front line" with its new bioethics program. Similar programs exist at Stanford University and several institutions on the East Coast, he said.

In February, the hospital will have a pain management conference. Mendel said in the future, more patients will be cared for at home as the population ages and health costs escalate. The spouse or loved one who cares for a patient will face questions



RABBI NORMAN MENDEL will leave his Carmel Valley congregation in June when he will start a bioethics institute at the City of Hope in Duarte, Calif.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

now handled by medical personnel as to what level the patient should be medicated to control pain.

How will the caretaker respond if the patient begs for enough pain-killer to end his or her life, Mendel asked? Assisted suicides may become even more of an issue as more people have to deal with home care, he said. "What if the loved one is to be injected with morphine each day, and he or she says 'give me enough to get me out of here.'"

"Genetic engineering will be an important piece of the immediate future," Mendel said. Parameters need to be set, he said. While eradicating genes which carry inherited diseases would be tremendous, Mendel said parents choosing to use the technology to create athletic or academic characteristics

for children would be something else again.

"It raises red flags for everyone," he said. But being a Jew and mindful of the German ambition during World War II to develop a super race, Mendel said it raises special issues for him. "It raises questions of the elite."

Not a day goes by without some new medical ethics issue coming to light, Mendel said. The federal government will set the general direction but individual institutions will set their own specific policies, he said.

Asked how he felt about the 59-year-old woman from Great Britain who was able to give birth to twins due to recent medical advances, he laughed and said, "I wish her the very best of luck."

But it does raise questions of the

quality of life a child might have when a teenager with parents who are nearing their 80s, he said.

The City of Hope already has an ethics board which makes recommendations on individual cases, Mendel said. His group will be focusing its work on what he called overarching concerns, he said.

The issue of allocating medical resources will be an ongoing issue, he predicted. "Who should get treatment at what stage?" he asked. "Do you stop doing certain treatments at certain ages? Individual cases have to be examined."

"You have to deliver treatment in a way which can provide for everyone as equally as possible," he said.

People come from all over the world to the City of Hope, Mendel said. It is a leader in bone marrow transplants, he said. The institution also specializes in all types of cancers, Alzheimer's, diabetes, AIDS and other research, he said.

Until now, Mendel has headed City of Hope's pastoral care department. He said the chaplains represented the Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Greek Orthodox and Mormon faiths. "Hopefully, it will expand to reach out to others not covered," he said, citing Pacific Rim and Muslim religions.

Asked if he were ecumenical in nature, Mendel responded, "Oh yes. We're all in this together."

He said he wants to recruit some women chaplains as well, saying he believes they are better able to relate to women with diseases such as breast or cervical cancer.

The City of Hope has 2,000 employees, 100 buildings and is located on 100 acres, he said. It is the last resort for many patients, and 40 percent of them are treated without charge, he said.

A motto displayed in one garden says, there's no profit in curing the body if in the process you destroy the soul, Mendel noted.

CRA Seeks Top Citizen

The Carmel Residents Association asked the public to submit nominations for its 1993 Carmel Citizen of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at a public reception Feb. 20.

The award honors persons who have made an outstanding contribution to uphold the 1926 city ordinance which states that the resort city is "primarily, essentially and predominately a residential city." Residents of both the one-mile square city and its sphere of influence are eligible.

Names and supporting information should be sent to the award selection committee by Feb. 7 at P.O. Box 13, Carmel 93921. Former CRA president Jim Holliday, is head of the committee.

Previous winners were former Councilman Jim Wright, Joyce Stevens, Enid Sales, Jack Billwiller and Frank Lloyd and Noel Mapstead.

Other members of the selection committee are Wright, executive director of the Monterey History and Art Association; Mary Anne Lloyd, director of the Monterey Peninsula College Library; Christine Musker of the California State Automobile Association and author Bob Campbell.

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Elbow-to-Elbow Village Affair Scores Another Success



PARTYGOERS CHECK OUT the silent auction items at the fifth annual Village Affair. *Sun photos by Carolyn Rice and Isabelle Hall*

More than 500 people thronged the fifth annual Village Affair Monday night, standing elbow-to-elbow to nibble on d'oeuvres and sip local wines and speculate about a new black Lincoln convertible.

"This is absolutely the best party of the year," one man said to another in an overheard conversation in the crowd at Los Laureles Lodge.

"Yes," the other agreed, "But I hope the 10,000-square-foot tent next year."

Sponsored by the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, the affair is a fundraiser for the construction of pedestrian pathways and beautification projects within the unincorporated Carmel Valley Village.

In its first four years, it earned more than \$100,000, becoming more successful each year and establishing itself as a premier example of a community pitching in to help improve the area in the absence of much government support.

Organizers arranged for a 5,000-square-foot main tent for the year to provide more room, but the crowd was still too much. Many people came early, a lot stayed late, and nearly everyone said they had a good time.

An incomplete accounting showed that more than \$25,000 was taken in this year—some \$12,500 from ticket sales, \$10,000 from the silent auction and \$13,000 from a cash auction.

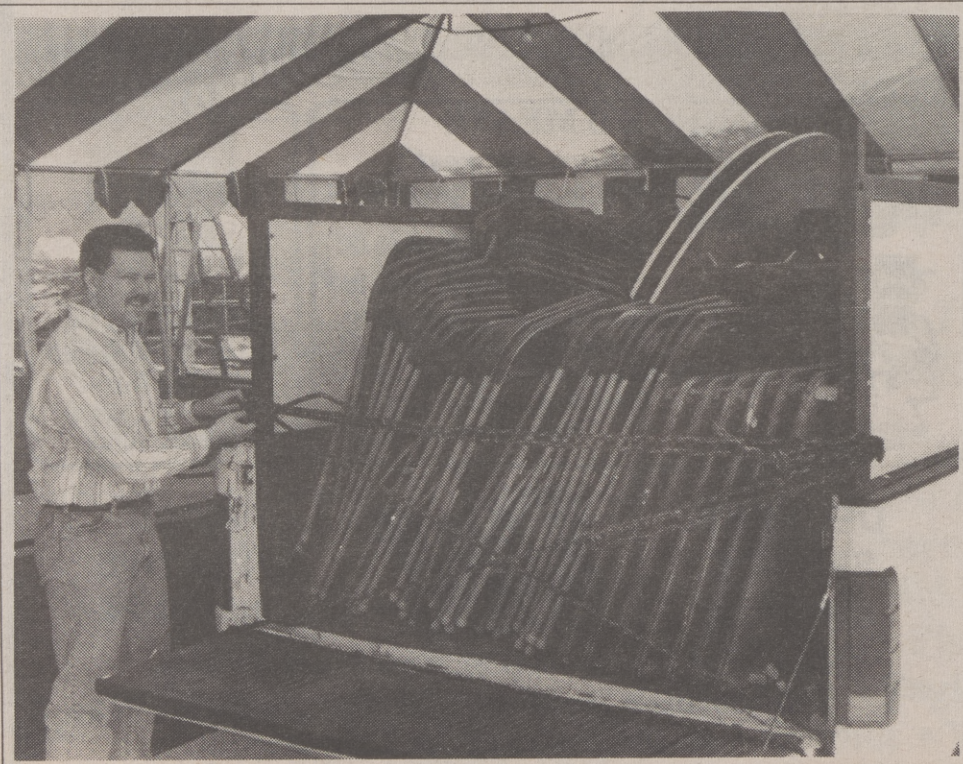
Rickey Wolfe said final financial results would not be available until all income was received and all the bills paid.

"We know we did better than last year—that was the important thing," said Peter Coakley who was chairman of the event for the second straight year. "It's becoming a tradition, a great gathering of local people. It's becoming a tradition."

The speculation about the car came about when a resident Jerry Edlund donated it at the last minute. It had picked a prime spot in the big tent, but it was not auctioned.



ORGANIZERS GLEN Gurries and Roger Williams, above are clearly pleased with the turnout. At right, Mayor Ken White of Carmel and his wife, Jean, decide what they should bid on.



A LOT OF THE WORK to make the event so successful went on behind the scenes. Above, Glen Gurries unloads a pickup load of chairs on Sunday morning. At right, the serving crew from Plaza Linda Restaurant obviously enjoys this duty.



Success for Self-Help

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as originally planned.

CVVIC officials said Edlund agreed to wait and auction it later for the benefit of some Valley project to give time to investigate whether it actually was in the motorcade in Dallas in 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Edlund told Randy Randazzo of CVVIC that he had been told that it was in the motorcade, but had no supporting documentation. Organizers noted that the four-door convertible would be far more valuable to collectors if it could be shown that it was a part of history.

Kathleen Tarp and Singin' Sheriff Pat Duval entertained the crowd before the start of the live auction conducted by Alan Drew. The top items were an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii which brought \$1,650.

The food was provided by 20 Village restaurants and caterers, and eight area wineries poured at the event.

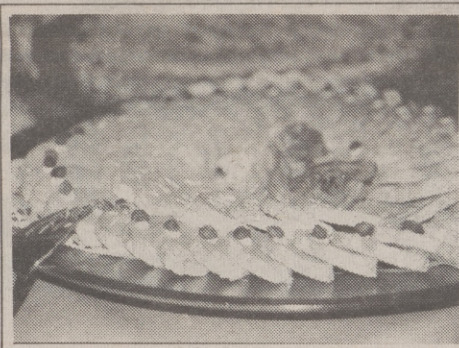
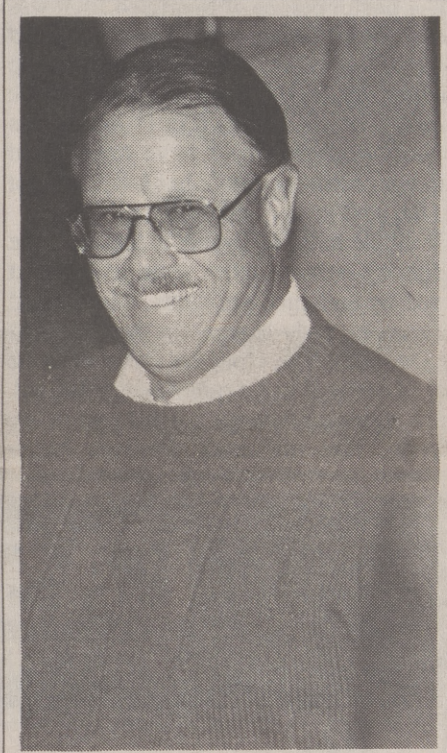
Politicians and public officials were in ample evidence, as the Village Affair has become one of the most important social events of the year in the Valley. Noted were Assemblyman Bruce McPherson, GOP House hopeful Bill McCampbell, Mayor Ken White of Carmel, former Salinas Mayor Russ Jeffries, who is considering a run for the Board of Supervisors, and former Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. Sheriff Norm Hicks also was on hand.

The latest extension of meandering pathways runs from the Community Center on Ford Road to Tularcitos Elementary School, and at the latest school board meeting, CVVIC won permission to extend the pathways around the school.

In addition, CVVIC is also planning to create a garden at the entrance to the Village—on Carmel Valley Road at Pilot. The area now is often filled with used cars, trucks and boats for sale, and CVVIC officials said that creates a poor image for the Village.



DONNA HAMILTON of Iron Kettle Restaurant, above, serves up a slice of her dessert. At right, a smiling Sheriff Norm Hicks joined the festivities. Below left, servers from Thai Bistro came in their traditional dress. Twenty Village restaurants and caterers and eight area wineries donated the good things to eat and drink at the event.



NOEL HENTSCHEL, above, the hostess of the event at Los Laureles Lodge, raises her paddle to bid on a stay at a tennis camp during the auction. With her is Daniel Barduzzi, general manager of Los Laureles and Stonepine Estate Resort. At left, former Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, accompanied by her husband, Richard, visits with a friend.

DISCOVERY — THE LIVELY ARTS

By Janey Bennett

Symphony Does Well

Monterey County Symphony and conductor Clark Suttle hosted Russian pianist Oxana Yablonskaya in a concert series this week. The program was a musical sandwich, with two lush romantic orchestral works flanking the tempestuous Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 2 in G Major, Op 44. The opening work was Wagner's Siegfried Idyll, composed as a birthday surprise for his wife, Cosima, who was awakened on the day by a live performance by a small orchestra set up outside her bedroom. It's a great story. I hope it happened.

Yablonskaya was invited to perform this concert series as well as a fund-raising recital after the previously scheduled soloist, her teacher Tatiana Nikolayeva, died in November following a stroke. We are fortunate to have her presence for these concerts. Ms. Yablonskaya is a commanding figure, a classic Russian-style pianist, taking on Tchaikovsky's high-speed chases up and down the keyboard as if they were nothing. Unfortunately, Ms. Yablonskaya was cursed with a piano which sounded like a tinny player-piano. I was told that the instrument's strings suddenly delaminated. I hope she is given a healthy instrument for her remaining performances.

The performance of Siegfried Idyll was a bit stodgy, I thought. It seemed thick and slow-moving at the beginning, picking up as it proceeded. But the performance of the Dvorak Symphony No. 6 in D Major was the best performance I have ever heard from our orchestra. Suttle has truly brought it to the next level of professionalism.

Of all the musical events in this area, the symphony performances seem to be most cursed by audience problems. Sunday had late-comers, early-leavers (in the middle of the Dvorak.), The Cougher (who must be very ill, indeed) and a runaway hearing aid, which squealed through a good part of the Dvorak. This orchestra deserves better

respect from its audiences.

Fine Arts Quartet

The Chamber Music Society presented the Fine Arts Quartet in an appearance at Sunset Center Friday night. After beginning with a lackluster performance of Haydn's Quartet in C Major, Op 33, No 3, "The Birds," the group found its stride in an energetic, intelligent performance of Shostakovich's Quartet No 4 in D, Op 83. In the Shostakovich, the interplay between the voices was well balanced, the musical line clearly articulated and the performance was as compelling as the Haydn performance was disappointing.

The Haydn quartet was out of balance. The first violinist, Ralph Evans, dominated the ensemble, as if it were a composition for violin and string trio accompaniment. In many ways, Haydn is more difficult to perform than the more technically flashy Shostakovich, simply because the music is so clear that any inconsistencies or imbalances are glaringly visible. But beyond that imbalance, there was a lack of energy in the performance of the Haydn and a muffling of sound, as if all the instruments were using mutes. (They weren't.)

The Shostakovich quartet is a piece which the audience initially found daunting. It is dissonant and strong, but also quite beautiful in structure and, in the end, the audience seemed to be won over.

The group concluded with a fine performance of Beethoven's Quartet in C Major, Op 59, No 3, "Hero." This quartet contains some wonderful descending runs which move seamlessly from the violin to the viola to the cello. The performance of the Beethoven was first-rate. The ensemble was alive. The audience also came alive. What happened with the Haydn? This group was clearly capable. Where did the performance of the Haydn lose its life?

The Fine Arts Quartet are artists-in-

residence at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. In addition to Evans, the members are Efim Boico, second violinist; Jerry Horner, violist; and Wolfgang Laufer, cellist. Franklin Miller, also of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, supplied the program notes for the Shostakovich quartet, surprising the reader with comments like "...some really furious fiddling in the violins," and "the final movement...begins with a hearty foot-stomping, folk-like beat." I was unable to identify either the furious fiddling or the foot-stomping beat. Such colorful language is terrific: I've been known to use it myself from time to time, but it should be clear as well as colorful. The other program notes were from Melvin Berger's Guide to Chamber Music.

Erin Go Bragh

The Poetic Drama Institute with Grove-Mont is presenting a fascinating look at the connection between art and nationalism. Beautiful Lofty Things: Irish Artists Confront Rebellion is a staged reading adapted by Dan Gotch from the writings of William Butler Yeats, Sean O'Casey, Lady Gregory and other Irish writers. This theatre evening is a history lesson via folk-songs and writings. Gotch clearly presents the historical and political sources of the Irish rebellion, linking a lot of those free-floating facts about Ireland's history. I wish I'd seen such a context-establishing presentation before my early, baffled experiences with O'Casey's plays!

Gotch sets up a juxtaposition between the high-flown mythic voices of Yeats and Lady Gregory and the harsh realism of Sean O'Casey and Maude Gonne—explaining that each group was responding to the outrageous wrongs perpetrated by the British on the Irish people. Yeats and Lady Gregory wrote from an upper-class Irish literary point of view, and O'Casey wrote from an involved, working-class perspec-

tive. The earlier work of Yeats and Lady G were necessary to prepare the way for O'Casey and those who followed him. As Marshall Berman, speaking about the literature engendered by the oppressed city of St. Petersburg, points out in All That Is Solid Melts Into Air, underdevelopment and oppression are powerful matrixes for a brilliant literary tradition. In today's terms, think of Ireland as the Bosnia of the British Isles.

The Irish have a way with language. Indisputably. And the risk of such silver-tongued eloquence is that it seduces the listener by its cadence and thus loses the sense. This happened with several of the performers in Beautiful Lofty Things. They fell into the trap of seductive sing-speak which, in the end, leaves no message. When they performed actual scenes from O'Casey's plays, the requirements of the plot reinforced reality, and the meanings were clear again.

Don't get me wrong: I liked the evening, and I liked what I learned about the Irish literary tradition. And there were moments of fine fine performance. I just wish the actors had consistently been in control of the language. Like a wild white horse, the Irish language will run away with ye if it gets a chance.

The actors in this uneven but still fine production were Jim Alter, Ron Cohen, Shirley Fischer, Mary Loomam, Nita Raichart, Barbara Rose Shuler and Chuck Thurman. Richard Boynton and Lyn Whiting, performing under the name Wild Hearts, provided not-so-incidental music—Irish folk songs of the rebellions. In appearance and sound, they were convincingly Irish, even without an Irish accent which, mercifully, was almost nonexistent in this production. Boynton and Whiting will perform more Irish music in concert at GroveMont Theatre Arts Center on Jan. 23. Beautiful Lofty Things runs through Jan. 29 at GroveMont Theatre Arts Center.

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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo



SEASCAPE IN WATERCOLOR was painted by the late Helen Dooley.

Another Oldtimer is Gone

Yes, we have lost another one of our oldtimers. She had promised me when I saw her in July that she'd have another show of her watercolors. She knew she wasn't going to be here long, and the way she said it, I knew she'd said it more for me. I fervently hope the Carmel Art Association will arrange a show for her. It would be a gift for all of us.

Just hours ago, I was at the Carmel Art Association to see and take my notes on their member show, called Theme Carmel. I was intending it to be this week's review. As I finished, I couldn't help thinking of Helen—she's a member, and there wasn't one of her paintings included. I didn't know then that she had just died, although I had received a note from her niece which implied her passing was imminent.

All the way home, I was reflecting on Helen's work and Sam Colburn's and what I had just finished seeing on the walls at the art association. I have a painting of Helen's on my wall, and I was lost in it as I often am when I received a call that she had died. I will write about the Carmel Art Association next week. There are a few good pieces there that I think Helen and Sam might have been pleased to hang with.

What can I say about Helen's wonderful work that I haven't already said with so much enthusiasm in this column before? I really think it bears saying again. We all have such short memories. I look at Helen's painting as I have a thousand times, and each time, I see it anew, feel the timeless movement of the sea, the watery depths through her colors, the jagged rocks freshly washed.

It is not just the economy of means, it is the economy of vision—the ability, or talent, or wisdom to see what makes something be what it is. What is the essential element out of all the visual information?

Anyone given enough tools and time can reproduce all the information. The artistic genius is in seeing the one thing that makes it be what it is. Helen could.

A painting without this wisdom may catch the eye—and soon bore us. Why does a painting endure? There is that kernel of truth to it that crosses all barriers. We recognize it when we see it. It isn't a painting of the ocean, but of oceanness; not of rocks but of rockness.

Whether Helen was painting missions in New Mexico or Cannery Row, trees or the sea, she focused on the essential quality of her subject. It passed through her brush to paper and burst into the truth. We too could be there and know what it was like, feel the heat on our skin, adobeness on our fingertips, coolness, wetness. Smell the smells. She could do that.

Truth has no ulterior motives.

Will Rogers once said, "A man never learned anything by talking." Helen listened with her eyes among a multitude who painted by talking.

Heather Spiegel Johnson, who models for art classes, including mine, is a translator for the deaf, for actors, for people speaking other languages. She spoke of herself as a window through which people could see and understand the verbal. Helen was a window through which people could see and understand the visual. Visual language, like verbal language, carries the whole gamut of feelings and senses if the artist has truly listened and becomes the window.

Helen was a beautiful, elegant, graceful woman of great integrity. She did not get in the way of what she painted, but allowed it to flow beautifully, elegantly, gracefully through her fingertips. Thank you, Helen.

Spring semester art classes at Carmel Adult School, including those conducted by Anita DeCarlo, begin Monday, Jan. 31. For information, telephone 624-1714.

Artist Helen Dooley Memorial Is Saturday

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Wayfarer for Helen Dooley, a well-known area painter who ran a gallery in Carmel for almost 30 years.

She died at her home Saturday at age 86. Before establishing Dooley Gallery in 1964 and devoting full time to her art, she taught at San Jose State, Scripps College and the University of Pacific. She closed her gallery last summer.

Skilled in both oil and watercolors, she had studied widely and shown her work in a variety of prestigious exhibitions. Born in San Jose, she trained at San Jose State, Claremont Graduate School, Douglas Donaldson School of Design and the California School of Fine Arts.

Surviving her are three cousins, Clyde R. Klaumann and Ruth Klaumann of Carmel and Harold Benadom of Carmel Valley.

The family asked that any memorial contributions be made either to the Church of the Wayfarer or the Carmel Foundation.

CV Little League Seeks Coaches

The Carmel Valley Little League is accepting applications for coaches and managers for the 1994 baseball season. Applications are available at the Carmel Valley Business Center.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 1. Please call Mike Thatcher at 659-3548 for more information.

By Year's End Schools Plan Tobacco-Free Policy

Carmel school district officials said they would like to have a policy in place by the end of the year banning all tobacco products from school grounds and buildings and planned to form a broad-based advisory committee to devise the policy.

"Probably the stickiest issue we will have to wrestle with is how it will be enforced," said Marvin Biasotti, school psychologist. "We don't want to treat employees who smoke as criminals."

He and Assistant Superintendent Rosemary Montgomery will write the policy following input from the advisory committee, he said. Biasotti said they will be sensitive to the concerns of those who will be most affected "and that's those employees who smoke."

He said they hope to formulate the policy and then give employees three to six months notice before implementing it. That would give employees who smoke a chance to take smoking cessation classes before the policy goes into effect, he said.

"The most effective tool in quitting smoking is a class of seventh graders," said Frank Pinney, a school board member who said he quit smoking at the insistence of his children. "They're merciless."

Biasotti said smokers, nonsmokers and former smokers will all be represented on the committee.

A tobacco free policy for everyone on school grounds would support the schools' educational message that tobacco in any form is unhealthy, Biasotti said. The policy will include all types of tobacco including chewing tobacco, he said.

The health benefits include reduced exposure to second-hand smoke and lower risk of smoke related illnesses for those who quit or reduce their tobacco use, he said.

It would benefit the school district by reducing medical costs and lost income caused by health problems, Biasotti said.

When in place, the policy will be enforced consistently, he said.

The Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula has adopted a tobacco free policy, and the school district will talk with officials there for suggestions how to develop a policy, he said.

In December, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance banning smoking in

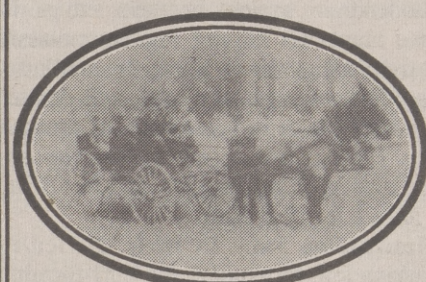
all public facilities, workplaces and restaurants and bars in the unincorporated areas of the county. But it has scheduled a hearing for 11 a.m. Feb. 8 to consider amendments, including exclusions for bars, parks and other outdoor recreational areas.

Point Lobos Group Meets

The Point Lobos Natural History Association will hold its annual meeting Jan. 22 in the McCone Building of the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey.

Candidates to the board will be elected at the 9:30 a.m. meeting followed by a presentation on Edward Weston, the Man and the Myth, by his son, Cole Weston. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting is open to the public.

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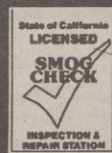
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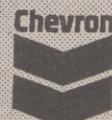
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BY MARK EATON

Those who enjoy California native shrubs have their favorites. Mine are the plants of the genus *Arctostaphylos* or what are known as manzanita.

Although manzanitas are most prevalent in California and the Northwest, there are a number of species found worldwide. California, however, is the king of manzanita distribution with 43 species and many varieties represented.

They vary in habit from tight, low-growing ground covers to upright-growing, many-branched shrubs. Most of the upright types are easily recognized by their smooth, reddish bark and their characteristic gnarled branching form.

Manzanitas generally flower from winter into mid-spring, producing clusters of small bell-like flowers ranging from white or light pink to deeper pink or rose. Berries color up by late summer from bright red to reddish brown. The name manzanita is Spanish meaning "little apple," referring to the small fruits.

Manzanitas are members of the family *Ericaceae* which makes them relatives of rhododendrons, azaleas, heathers, and pieris. Those plants all require regular moisture and rich soil so this is where the similarity ends. Manzanitas prefer a lean, well-drained soil with little or in some case no summer water. Too much water can encourage soil-borne disease in manzanitas, and fertilizing can induce leggy growth.

Manzanitas vary in their difficulty of cultivation. In general, the burl-forming species are considered difficult, while the non-burl forming types are most adaptable. As previously mentioned, the striking bark and twisted "muscular" branches are often their best features, and it is hard to find another group of plants which are as ornamental when not in flower. They exemplify some of the best attributes of California native plants: durability, adaptability and elegance of form.

There is an old expression, "garden where you live." This refers to utilizing plants which will grow in your area without too much coddling or babying. A number of the manzanitas we use are local natives from Big Sur north through the peninsula on up to Watsonville, Santa Cruz and into the Bay area.

When you plant some of these "locals" in your garden and watch how they perform after a couple of years, you begin to really appreciate the idea of gardening with natives. They belong here, so they simply grow well here.

The only drawback I can think of with manzanitas has nothing to do with their worthiness as garden subjects. They

often lack what we call at our nursery "can appeal." This is the same sort of thing that real estate agents refer to as "curb appeal" when discussing a house for sale.

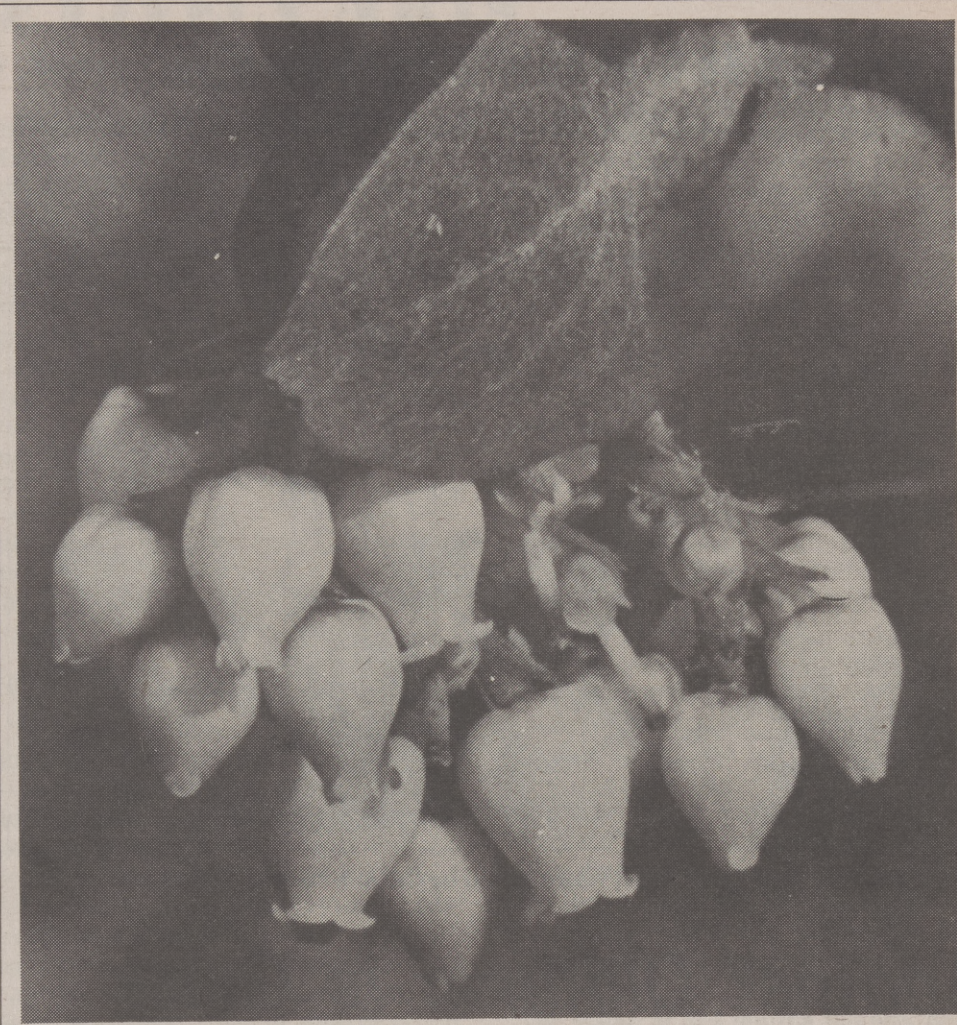
A young manzanita in a one-gallon can does not reach out and grab the customer in the same way as a blooming rose bush or a one-gallon size ranunculus in flower. Like a lot of our California natives, they can be a "tough sell" which is such a shame.

If you are in the Bay Area in the next several weeks, I recommend two destinations for you to visit to see a number of manzanitas in bloom. One is the Arthur L. Menzies Memorial Garden of Native Plants at the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. The other is the California Native Botanic Garden in Berkeley's Tilden Regional Park.

You can see mature specimens in these gardens and if they don't capture your fancy.....well, I just don't know what else to write to get you on the program.

The manzanitas are some of the best plants our native flora has to offer. They deserve a more widespread appreciation.

Mark Eaton is a partner in Carmel Valley's Begonia Gardens Nursery.



HAIRY MANZANITA is the most widespread of the tall, shrubby species of manzanita which grows from the Central Coast into southern British Columbia. A desirable native plant for local gardens, its flowers are shown in the photo.



THE MONTEREY COUNTY HOSPITALITY Association recognized its incoming president, Nick Lombardo, president-elect, Carol Chorbajian and outgoing president, Lloyd Kirsch at its meeting at Quail Lodge on Sunday. Chorbajian was named hospitality professional of the year. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

School District Bid To Join Big Sur Group Rejected

The Carmel Unified School District's bid to become a member of the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council was rejected.

Both Superintendent Vance Baldwin and Frank Pinney, a Big Sur resident and member of the school board, appeared to urge council members to admit the school district at its quarterly meeting Friday.

Pinney, saying the increase in enrollment at Big Sur's Captain Cooper Elementary School was the largest in the district, predicted further growth would occur in Big Sur. Having the school district sitting as a member would "help both the school and the district," Pinney suggested.

Zad Leavy, representing the regional park district, moved that the district be admitted. But some members noted the council's size already is getting unwieldy, and others suggested CUSD did not fit the original criteria for members.

Sam Karas, new in the role of fifth district supervisor, called on an aide to read the bylaws of the group. They indicated that membership was designed primarily for land use agencies with a stake in Big Sur.

Present members of the council, which meets quarterly, include State Parks, U. S. Forest Service, Caltrans, the regional park district, the County Planning Department, the Coastal Commission and state, local and federal elected officials from the area. Membership also includes the Coast Property Owners Association, the Big Sur Chamber of Commerce and a representative of Big Sur residents.

Karas, saying he agreed the group was primarily concerned with land use, expressed reservations about admitting the school district, but said he would go along with what the council wanted.

On a call for votes, only Leavy voted in favor of admitting the school district.

In his remarks before the vote, Baldwin told the council the school district does have both an interest and a presence in Big Sur. But he said, "We will still continue to attend as visitors if we are not elected."

Later, the Coastal Commission representative suggested the council might want to add the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to its membership since it is the parent of the agency which will oversee the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Members agreed to take that issue up later.

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY ISABELLE HALL

It is a startling experience to look up at the skylight in our living room and see Lucy the Cat looking down from a precarious perch where she seems to have her paws stuck to the glass like the tentacles of an octopus. She appears totally at ease, quite comfortable even, as she gazes down at us watching to see if one of us will run up stairs to the deck off the bedroom and let her in. If she sees Stan or me get up, she is gone like a flash to the door.

There are probably hundreds of thousands of cats that casually roam the rooftops of the world as sure-footed in that environment as a mountain lion in his. But Lucy has made our roof her private apartment. Yet her brother, Linus, a much bigger, sleeker cat is earthbound. We've had other cats around for overnight or longer visits but none have ever attempted to check out Lucy's quarters except for one orange male, and he didn't get up there very often.

Lucy is quite small. We worried for a long time that she would fall and kill herself, forgetting cats don't do that.

The more agile she became wandering around the roof, the more of a pest she grew to be. We know we are just kidding ourselves when we put the cat out at night. Lucy has gained independence for herself and, catlike, made us wait on her whims and fancies. When we put her out at night, she virtually beats us upstairs where she is at the sliding glass door meowing to come back in. If she gets to spend the night inside—her objective—whichever one of us sleeps the lightest will be startled awake anywhere from 3 to 5 a.m. by Lucy sharpening her claws on the screen door to get out. She won't go out on the roof deck. She wants you to run downstairs and let her out at ground level.

Linus lives outdoors, so he is the reverse problem. We'd like him to come in and sit on our laps for awhile but he is too skittish. We are lucky to get him to stand still long enough for a little pat once a day.

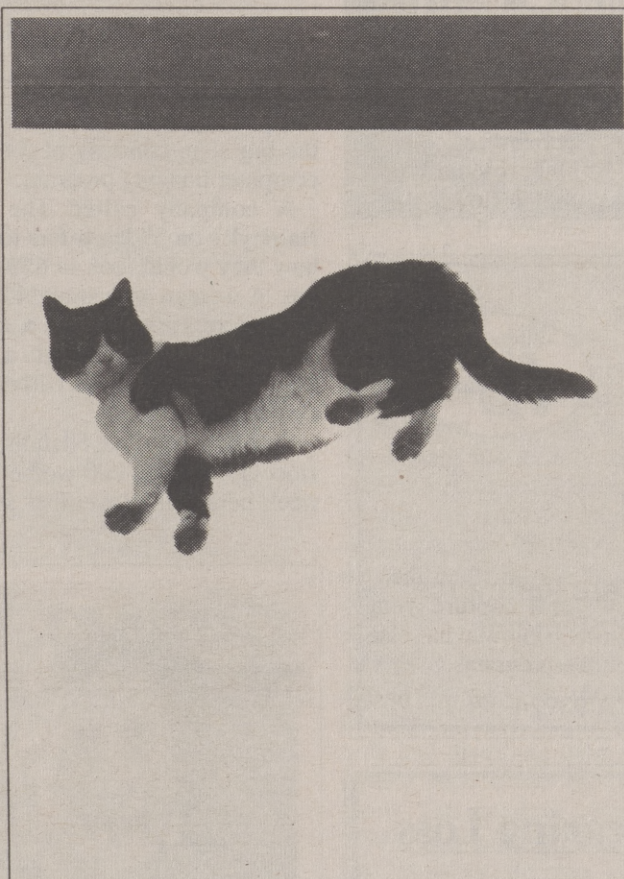
When Lucy began to regularly wake us in the middle of the night last year, Stan got a bright idea to put a plastic cone-like cover around the Japanese maple tree that we had watched Lucy climb to get on the first story roof, the platform for her huge leap on to the second story roof.

I politely inquired exactly what he thought he was going to achieve with this unsightly plastic cover. "She won't be able to get over it," he said smugly, getting that look of "I gotcha" on his face.

"Oh yeah?" I said. "Just wait. Besides, it looks terrible."

Lucy was back on the roof peering down at us through the skylight window about the time he went to sit down after installing his plastic deterrent.

Unbeknownst to us, she had alternate trees—trees we foolishly imagined were too high and



LUCY THE CAT peers down from the skylight.

with too few branches for such a little cat. She climbed these towering Monterey pines at the front of the house for awhile, then went back to the maple tree after discovering it really just added to the fun to leap over the plastic.

Linus paid no heed. I hate to think that this majestic animal who has the look of a Panther is dumb, but I can't figure out why he never learned to climb like his sister.

The other day, I looked out a window of the bedroom and there was Lucy chasing bugs on the slender wood strips of the skylight over the den, oblivious to the ground 20 feet or so below.

Lucy first adopted the sanctuary of the rooftop to escape some neighborhood cats that constantly attacked her. It got so bad, at one point I broke down and carried her food and water to her on the deck on a tray. I felt like an idiot doing it, and after a couple of days quit, telling myself she had to learn to stand on her own two (oops four) feet. Brother Linus also was a pretty good defender of the ground and quick to come to her aid.

Soon after, I learned that my sister-in-law, Suzy, who at any one time has about five to seven cats hanging around plus a pack of raccoons she has been nurturing for nearly 25 years, had a second story cat, too.

Suzy's case was different. She had let this rather enormous cat, named Ellie, into her house and, rather than make it live and let live with the gang, she gave way as it headed for her bedroom and safety under the bed.

Suzy is one of those people who thinks like a cat and tells you what they want. She allowed Ellie to live under the bed, a little nest a lot of other cats have enjoyed over the years despite my brother's protests that he hates cats. (Maybe "allowed" isn't the right word. Suzy did confess the cat was so terrified it actually attacked her if she got up in the night for the first few weeks.)

She routinely fed and watered Ellie in her daughter's now-empty bedroom and even has a *litterbox* there. I hesitate to even write the word *litterbox*. I really think this horrible creation is one of the reasons we moved to sunny California—to have cats live outdoors and never, ever, have a *litterbox* again.

At one point, I worried so much about Lucy I actually brought the subject up to Stan, but that was as far as it got. It was Stan who had to clean Charlie's litter box in Michigan who declared "never again." We had learned our lesson on indoor cats in the cold of Michigan when even cat-haters would agree you can hardly ask the animals to go outdoors when it is 5 degrees below zero and there is four feet of snow on the ground.

Suzy lives in Toronto where this past weekend the wind chill factor was 40 below zero. Cats and even humans try to avoid that kind of cold. She says Ellie has finally settled in and now shares the upstairs with Fred, the one cat my brother allows he actually likes. Fred sits with him and they have little chats. Three or four cats mostly occupy the ground floor and one oldtimer, Jeanette, lives in a bed Suzy made for her in the basement with baby blankets.

Only a cat knows how to insinuate itself into your life like that, as if they know far better than we do that we really want their intrusion, their stellar company, their superior intellect, their cat cunning—that in fact we need them.



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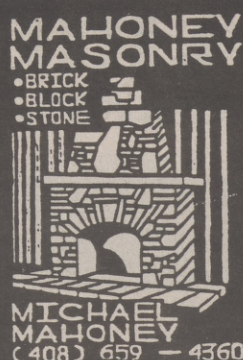
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Video Lets You Try Out Your Hairstyle in Advance

By Carolyn Rice

Ever wonder what you'd look like with blonde hair, short hair or a mass of curls? Well now you can find out before you take the big step, courtesy of a new video and computer imaging program.

A company called The New You—Hairstyles on Video offers to show women how they would look in 650 different hairdos. A woman with straight hair can examine her appearance with a curly perm, a blonde can turn herself into a brunette, long hair can be lopped off without the scissors ever touching it.

Entrepreneurs Lee Nichols and Joel Ross videotaped about 200 women during a six-week period in November and December,

Each style the customer has picked has a number. Nichols feeds the numbers into the machine which shows each style on the customer's face. The customer also can try six different colors with the styles.

Then for \$3 she can purchase a color print of the four styles she likes best or a larger size of her favorite.

Nichols and her partner, Ross, got the idea for the business from Entrepreneur Magazine. She said IBM computers are used and their equipment cost them \$15,000. There are about 300 similar businesses now in existence.

One amusing incident happened when parents of a year-old baby girl who had yet to grow any hair stopped by. They paid to

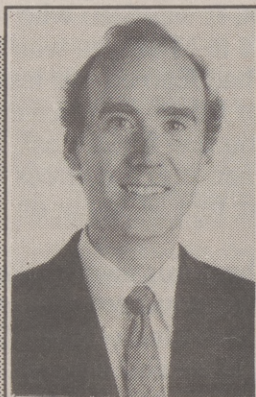


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PAM RICE DECIDED to keep her long hair after seeing a computer picture, right, of herself in a short style.

operating from an outside cart at Del Monte Shopping Center. The Santa Cruz residents will be offering their services at peninsula beauty salons starting this month.

Customers are charged \$23 to see themselves in 12 hairstyles or \$28 to look at 24 styles. They are taped while using a hairband to pull their own hair away from their face.

Next comes what is the favorite part for many women, Nichols said, when she "takes out the glare" with a pencil she rubs under the eyes and around the mouth on the video screen. What it actually does is eliminate wrinkles.

"Women love this part," she said.

Then she outlines the woman's face, preparing the program to replace the woman's current hairdo with the new ones she has chosen.

see how she would look with hair. The results so intrigued Nichols she made extra prints to keep herself.

The baby was an Oriental child and the hairdos chosen by the parents made her look like a model for expensive collector dolls, Nichols said.

A more common event is customers who come back and say, "Look. I did it!" Nichols said. Customers also receive a videotape they can look at when they go home.

"It's a safe, risk-free way to pick out a new hairdo," Nichols said, because women can look at the results before they cut, color or perm their hair. "It's helpful for people making hair decisions."

Nichols will take her service to local salons, starting with Park Avenue in Monterey on Jan. 25 and Passage in Pebble Beach Feb. 10.

Adams Permit Hearing Set for Wednesday

The County Planning Department set a public hearing for 11 a.m. Wednesday on Herbert Adams' application for a permit for a home and shop to build prototype automobile parts on Via Contenta in Carmel Valley Village.

The county planning staff has changed its recommendation of denial of the permit and now supports its approval. County Planner Dan Chance explained the building has been redesigned so three sides of its lower level will be underground, and it will therefore meet the floor area ratio requirements in the Village. He added the permit will have 27 conditions attached to it.

Adams, who has been seeking the permit for three years, said he had indicated to the county he would take legal action if the permit continued to be denied. The county staff had previously recommended denial, saying the floor area ratio was in excess of 35 percent as defined by the Carmel Valley Village Development Criteria.

Neighbors have protested the business saying it does not meet the zoning requirements for light commercial, but Adams has testified the manufacturing part of his business is done elsewhere. The conditions call for the building to be soundproofed so that any machinery used will not exceed Health Department noise regulations.



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SUMMER-LIKE TEMPERATURES attracted residents and visitors to beaches and parks on the weekend. Above is Carmel River State Beach. The temperature climbed to 85 in Carmel Valley Tuesday, weather observer Graham Matthews reported.

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Summer Weather is a Worry

Continued from front page

Streamflow into the Carmel River watershed, the main source of water for the peninsula, is even farther behind than rainfall. Darby Fuerst, water resources manager for the water management district, said only 2,200 acre-feet of water had flowed into the system through December. Normal at that time would have been 5,200 acre-feet, he said, adding that only .22 of an inch of rain had been measured at San Clemente dam in the first half of January.

Supervisor Sam Karas took note of the lack of rain during a meeting of the Big Sur Multi-Agency Council Friday.

"I am looking for rain for the next two months," said Karas, who serves as the supervisors representative on the water management district board. "I don't want to go back to conservation (rationing), and I sure don't want to have a (building) moratorium again."

Another indication of the community's concern was reflected in a column in this week's Sun written by Dave Lyon, president of the Carmel Valley Community Center. He said in jest that the Community Center's board of directors was willing to do a rain dance if people thought it would help.

Renard said a newly issued 30-day outlook from the National Weather Service also called for below normal rainfall through mid-February, for not only for the Central Coast, but most of the United States.

The new 30-day forecast is "starting to clash" with a 90-day outlook issued earlier which called for above normal rainfall and temperatures for the area, he said. He said large scale meteorological influences tracked by the National Weather Service increasingly cast doubt that a breakthrough would bring significant moisture to the Central Coast soon.

The normal rainy season on the Central Coast runs from roughly mid-November to mid-April. The wettest months are January, February and March. Average annual rainfall on the peninsula runs 17 to 18 inches a year.

There still is time for the region to receive ample rain before summer. Three years ago, the peninsula was facing the immediate prospect of 40 percent rationing because of the drought, but record rains fell in March, earning the month the title "Marvelous March."

The following year, the region received well above average rain in February, earning it the title "Fabulous February."

Last year, heavy rainfall in December sent the Carmel River flowing into the sea on Jan. 4. This year, it has advanced only as far as Schulte Road, Fuerst said, but "it probably has retreated because of the heat."

Despite the growing shortfall in rain and runoff, Fuerst suggested the threat of renewed rationing still was remote. He said on May 1, the water management district would assess supply conditions for the coming year. If the system has at least 25,000 acre-feet in storage, he said rationing would not be considered.

"We have 29,000 acre-feet right now," he said, "so that shouldn't be a problem." Total storage capacity is about 35,000 acre-feet, and Fuerst said continued conservation by residents and businesses had kept the supply from being depleted that much since last winter's heavy rains.

For his part, Renard said a new drought also is a long way off—at least by his definition. He said he defines a drought as two or more consecutive years of below median rainfall.

School Issue Sessions Set

The Carmel school district has scheduled two meetings on whether to continue the staggered school day or to lengthen the school day for first through third graders. Currently half of the students go to school one hour early and the others staying one hour later for reading instruction. The meetings will be at 7 p.m. on Monday night at Tularcitos and at the same time on Tuesday at River.

Parents to be Surveyed On CHS Condom Dispute

By Carolyn Rice

Parents of Carmel High students will be surveyed for their views about the school making condoms available before the school board takes up the issue, officials said at the board meeting Thursday night.

The questionnaire will be included in the next issue of the high school newsletter which will be mailed about Feb. 1.

The school district will tally the results of the condom survey before the school board discusses the issue, perhaps a month from now.

The board's health advisory committee has advised it not to let the Associated Student Body (ASB) contract with a private vendor for installation of condom machines at the high school. The committee said the matter should be a family choice and providing condoms at school might prompt a legal suit against the district.

But the ASB has continued to pursue the issue. After the health advisory meeting, the ASB voted to purchase condoms in bulk and distribute them during a break in classes each school morning, according to Drew Teti, student representative to the board. But he said Principal Marie Ishida had vetoed the students' plan.

The health advisory committee has suggested the school look at its sex education programs throughout the school and make improvements. Members also asked the school board to look into ways to help students obtain condoms other than from vending machines.

Improving school health programs is not really facing the issue, according to Todd Hoskins, a junior and school board representative. "The issue as a whole hasn't been addressed," Hoskins said.

ASB representatives last spring asked the school board for permission for their group to install condom machines at the high school, saying a large number of students were having unprotected sex.

"Why is it so important for the school to provide condoms? Why don't they get them from their parents?" questioned Dick Roberts, a Carmel resident present at the meeting.

Students at the health advisory meetings have said some students are not comfortable asking their parents.

Board member Frank Pinney said, "Unprotected sex is going on, and some students want to intercede on the behalf of other students. These kids are concerned. They are seriously concerned about their peers."

Superintendent Vance Baldwin said he thought educating students to the dangers of unprotected sex was the role the school should take. "That's what I heard coming out of the health advisory committee," he said.

Another survey on the staggered school day will be going to parents of elementary students. Students in grade one through three have what is called "split reading programs." Half the class comes to school one hour earlier and half stays one hour later for their reading instruction, creating small class sizes at the beginning and end of each day.

Parents who object to the short length of the school day have asked this be discontinued so all students can be taught for a longer period of time each day.

Tularcitos parents earlier surveyed their school and reported the majority of those who responded favored lengthening the school day for students.

Yet another survey will question all district parents how they have liked the new calendar adopted this year which provided a vacation week in October, two in December, one in February and another during Easter week. Two weeks of vacation were added during the school year which was started earlier so that it could get the days of instruction the state requires.

On another topic, Baldwin said reconstruction of the burned Carmel High science wing will be completed by the middle of February. Staff members will move back into the classrooms during a week-long break in classes, he said.

In other business, the school board voted unanimously to purchase relocatable classrooms for Tularcitos and Captain Cooper for next fall if enrollment warrants.

Baldwin said the purchases will have to be based "on our best educated guess" as enrollments are always uncertain until the day school opens which is too late to order the rooms.

The board also voted 5-0 to approve the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee building a pedestrian pathway around Tularcitos School.

Janet Myer, a co-chair of the Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA), said it would hold a Central Coast conference at a cost of \$45 per participant March 26-27. Los Gatos has asked for 100 spots, said Myer, who expects up to 300 to attend.

CASA has been formed to try to reduce the amount of drug and alcohol use by young people in the community.

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BY DAVE LYON

Another cold and clear morning here in Paradise Valley—not a cloud overhead and nary a drop of rain in sight. It just doesn't feel like winter yet without the river running, and I even miss the smell of wet Golden Retrievers in the morning. Any suggestions out there? The Carmel Valley Community Youth Center board of directors has volunteered to do a free, public service rain dance, if someone will just provide us with the necessary music and proper chanting rituals. Please contact the CVCYC if you can help.

As long as the sun is shining, everyone is blessed with the perfect opportunity to check out the excellent winter class and program offerings down at the Youth Center.

Start your week off with an invigorating workout with a visit to the Jazzercise class, held each Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 8:30 until 10. Jazzercise class is geared to all ages and skill levels, and new-comers are always welcome. Look for the Jazzercise sign on Ford Road, outside the Community Center main hall.

Haven't poured yourself out of bed that early? Jazzercise is also offered on Tuesdays from 6 until 7:30 in the evenings, so you can sweat-off some daily stress on your way home. For those of you die-hards out

there, Jazzercise also meets on Saturdays from 8:30 until 10:00 in the morning. And hey, pretty soon this will no longer conflict with the current NFL schedule! Go 'Niners!

For those of you having purged yourselves of worldly things and weekend football, an outstanding martial arts Aikido class is also offered through the Youth Center and meets each Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 until 7:30. Aikido is a non-combatant form of self-defense and stresses both mental and physical concentration while increasing self-awareness and inner well-being.

Persons seeking enlightenment through yelling and falling down a lot are urged to join the excellent karate class currently meeting at the Youth Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 until 4 in the afternoon. This class also encourages mental as well as physical concentration while increasing awareness of ones self and of others. And who knows, it might even cause it to rain.....

Also offered through your local Community Center is a weekly Yoga class, meeting each Thursday from 6 until 7:30 in the evening. Come learn how to reduce stress and unwind after a long day at work.

The CVCYC is also pleased to offer a special tutoring program entitled "Reading For Life" for Valley children in need of extra help with reading skills. Can't quite get hooked on phonics? Reading For Life offers private tutoring sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:30 until 4 p. m.—no experience necessary! Call Debi at the Community Center office, 659-3983, for information on this or any other class offerings.

Sad but true—the "Big Chill" party, originally scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, has been canceled, mostly due to a lack of winter ice on the pool. Watch this space for further info and a possible new date.

It's not too soon to start thinking about the big Monte Carlo "casino night" party, coming this May 7 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars. Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend this popular night of fun and prizes, sponsored by your Community Center. Watch this space for more information as the big night draws closer.

Plans are taking shape, and work continues on the new Carmel Valley Youth Center, with a target opening date sometime this coming June. The volunteer board at your Community Center is meeting regularly to coordinate plans for the expansion of the old Community Center building, as well as oversee the creation of the Valley's first full time Center for youth.

This is a very exciting time to be involved with your Community Center! Valley residents of all backgrounds are urged to get involved now, and be a part of the "center of our community." Call 659-3983 and learn how you too can join your friends and neighbors in creating a community to be proud of.

And so, a big welcome to Richard Zahm and Steve Anderson, who did just that recently by joining the CVCYC board. Welcome!

Finally this week, the Community Center is currently soliciting name for the new black and white cat, last seen chasing the Team Extreme roller bladers around the CVCYC parking lot. Suggestions may be sent or faxed to the Community Center office any time. Winning entry to be selected on basis of originality and size of the tax-deductible check accompanying it.

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The Color Purple Puzzles Council

While about 24 unhappy city employees waited outside for a chance to speak on wage issues, the Carmel City Council Jan. 11 pondered the issue of whether a man should be allowed to paint his house purple.

"This is the type of action that shouldn't be before the council at all," declared Councilman Bob Fischer.

"It would be very dangerous if we were to legislate color," said Councilwoman Barbara Brooks. "The question is whether or not the city wants to control colors with an accepted palette."

But Councilwoman Barbara Livingston disagreed, saying the appeal against a Planning Commission decision that John Petlansky wrongly painted his house purple instead of the gray-purple approved by the commission involved whether the commission has the right to say what color a house should be.

Mayor Ken White agreed, but said Carmel didn't have the ordinances to control color choices in the residential area, and "sometimes we need to look at this because we are cracking down on color in the commercial district."

"I vote for the rights of the individual," said Councilman Phil Coniglio.

The council decided 4-1, with Livingston dissenting, to grant the appeal. Petlansky, who paid \$200 to bring the appeal, said it would have cost him \$4,000 to repaint his house on Crespi Street when he was assured the color would fade anyway.

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DANIELLE WALL AND BRANDON ROBERTS collected cash awards for themselves and Carmel High School for winning essays submitted to an AT&T Pro-Am writing contest.
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CHS Essayists Win Top Prizes

Two Carmel High seniors won \$1,000 each, \$10,000 for the school and an opportunity to accompany a celebrity golfer at the AT&T Pro-Am Golf Tournament because of winning essays they wrote.

Danielle Wall and Brandon Roberts, both 17, wrote on innovations of the 21st century and what they mean to individuals, families or the world. Their world literature teacher, Robert Walch, asked his class to submit essays.

Students from seven county high schools entered, and winners were picked in a blind judging by the Monterey Peninsula English Department.

3M donated the prize money for the AT&T sponsored contest. The \$5,000 that Wall and Roberts each won for the school will be used for college scholarships, and they each plan to use their winnings for college tuition.

Wall said she chose to discuss how innovations will affect the world. She said she talked about how computers will affect world trade, how scientists and medical researchers will be able to tap world-wide data banks and how innovations will create products which are not damaging to the environment.

She suggested biodegradable plastic will be invented.

Wall said she concluded that new innovations due to computers will link the coun-

tries of the world more closely together and create an atmosphere more conducive to peaceful coexistence.

Wall, who hopes to attend college at Swarthmore in Pennsylvania, has competed in track and cross country events in high school and hopes to continue to run in college. "I want to be competitive athletically but concentrate on academics," Wall said.

Roberts said he wrote about the dangers of technology. "Along with the wonderful things, technology brings many problems we have to be aware of," he said.

He predicted a population boom due to longer life spans due to better medical treatments. He also suggested jobs will be lost due to technological advancements.

"We've seen the effects in the car industry, and it will carry into other industries," he said.

Roberts said he predicted the teaching force will be reduced and students will learn from their homes from computer programs.

Roberts said he wants to study music and film scoring at Ithaca College in New York. He surfs, writes music, plays guitar and performs with the high school jazz band.

Marie Ishida, Carmel High principal, will accompany the students on Feb. 2 when they walk the golf course with the celebrity golfers.

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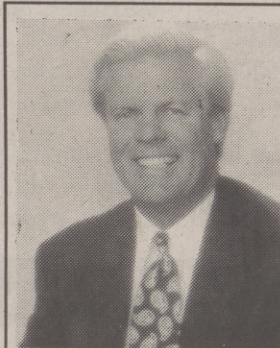
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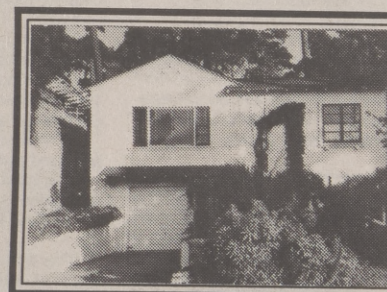


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Planners Approve New General Store/Forge Proposal in Concept

A plan to increase the seating to 185 at The General Store/Forge in the Forest and add an outdoor barbecue, flower shop and produce stand won conceptual approval from the Planning Commission.

Owner Dan Glosser said he would take the extra 16 seats from Café Berlin which he leases to Peter Stuber and his wife, Lisa, and make up for the loss of parking at the General Store by transferring it off-site to the Café Berlin location.

Glosser presented the proposal after the commission rejected a plan he proposed last August calling for a valet parking service, demolition of the former Carmel Hardware building, elimination of the Café Berlin and transfer of all its 52 seats to The General Store property.

There was only a brief discussion of the latest plan which will be brought back Feb. 9 for final approval.

Glosser also said he wanted to install a visitor information center where the hardware store had been. This is an allowed use in the Service Commercial district and does not require commission approval. However, Commissioner Carl Livingston expressed concern that it be tied to the city or a group like the Carmel Business Association and

not be run by "a private person."

"The applicant has the right to put it in there," said Chairman Jack Kennedy. "Whether we like it or not, it's an approved use."

As part of Glosser's plan, there would be a pedestrian walkway entrance on Junipero connecting with Mission Street behind the Library Branch. He also wants the city to approve a bus drop-off so that tourists could visit the information center and walk through the property to visit shops.

Mayor Gets Sink Approval

Mayor Ken White and his wife, Jean, won approval Jan. 12 for a use permit for a bar sink in the lower level of their Casanova Street home.

"There was no favoritism here," laughed White. "We put in the application Sept. 30." The mayor's application was approved on the consent agenda without comment on condition the Whites are prohibited from establishing independent living facilities in the lower level of their house.

DAR Honors Good Citizens

Kyle Decker, a senior at Carmel High, was among students honored for being a good citizen by the Commodore Sloat Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Other seniors who received awards at a lunch Tuesday were Kathleen Toft, Monterey High; Jessica Pratt, Pacific Grove High; Carli Sumida, Robert Louis Stevenson; Leigh Ann Perry, Seaside High; Amber Degen, York School and Amy Smith, Santa Catalina.

Retired Architect Edward M. Hicks Dies at Age 82

Edward M. Hicks, 82, a retired architect associated with a number of major West Coast design projects and former Carmel planning commissioner, died Jan. 13 at the Hospice House of Monterey.

A native of Portland, he studied at the University of Oregon and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While at MIT, he met his wife, Mary Ellen, who was a student at Wellesley College.

He worked for architectural firms in Washington, New York and San Francisco. He helped plan the Oregon state capital and then helped oversee its construction as an on-site supervisor.

Other design projects that bear his mark were the Argentine Building at the Treasure Island World's Fair, the 3,000-seat Berkeley Community Theatre, and a number of military facilities in Northern California during World War II. Later, he worked on such major projects as the Union Square Garage and Pacific Coast Stock Exchange in San Francisco, Dinkelspiel Auditorium at Stanford and the library at San Francisco City College.

After retiring to Carmel, he was appointed by then-Mayor Clint Eastwood to the Planning Commission in 1986, serving four years during which he also was a member of the committee that reviewed the city's general plan.

A friend, Sharon Lawrence, said on his death that Hicks was "ever concerned about what was best for the town he loved."

Survivors include his widow, Mary Ellen, and a brother, John, both of Carmel; two sons, Stephen Edward of San Luis Obispo and Philip Edward of San Anselmo; and two grand-daughters.

Funeral arrangements were private, but the family asked that any memorials be sent to The Hospice of the Central Coast.

Los Laureles Permit

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ries, and Virginia Stanton, 90, who praised the Hentchels' improvements to their Valley properties.

"They're not eager to get out and subdivide," she said. She said many older couples go to the lodge for dinner.

"I'm now 90," she said, "and can't go running into town. In order to have a lovely evening, I go to Los Laureles."

But Bill Bradley, who lives in a home directly behind the lodge, said, "I don't ever recall having to listen to the noise we have to listen to now...We don't mind them having parties. We just don't want the noise." He said he and his wife had guests one afternoon and had to leave home because the noise was so loud they couldn't visit with them.

Janice Tancredi said she has personally made six or seven calls a night to the lodge to protest the din. She said the "Hollywood Bowl" formation of hills around the lodge causes the sound to travel up to the homes above it on the north.

She said she attended the Village Affair, a community fundraiser held at the lodge Monday night. "We could hear the auctioneer vividly after we came home," she said.

Third District Supervisor Tom Perkins said he lives near the fairgrounds in King City and frequently hears mariachi bands until 11 or 12 at night. "That community has been able to work these problems out," Perkins said he felt strongly the lodge should be allowed to have outdoor music.

"Frankly, I would rather have your problem of listening to music than my problem of listening to sirens," said Barbara Shipnuck, second district supervisor who lives in Salinas.

Fifth District Supervisor Sam Karas suggested the hours for music might be limited to 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., but Noel Hentschel said that would eliminate any evening events.

Karas said he has a great concern for the neighbors. "Electronic music is extremely loud and deafening to the ears," he said. "There must be some other method they can use."

Sunset Remodel to Be Aired on Wednesday

The feasibility study for an \$11 million revamping of Sunset Center will get a public airing Wednesday before the Planning Commission.

The commission plans to review an Initial Environmental Study for the theater renovation which will determine whether an Environmental Impact Report will be required. The study then will be released to the public for comment.

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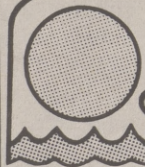
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It Will Be Brooks Against Fischer and Hazdovac

By Isabelle Hall

The three-way race for the Carmel City Council will pit two-term Councilman Bob Fischer and candidate Paula Hazdovac against Councilwoman Barbara Brooks.

Fischer said he would run independently as he did before, although he said he would endorse and work with Hazdovac. "We're going to share some ads and some views," he said, leaving Brooks on her own.

"I think Carmel likes to have a balanced council, and if there's two folks running together, they'll elect one of them and me," said Brooks.

"The only thing that bothers me is that people won't vote, period," said Fischer, because Mayor Ken White is unopposed. Fischer got more than 1,400 votes in his bid for a second term in 1990 to make him the largest single vote-getter that year.

"You could have a controlled voting process, rounding up absentee ballots such as was done during the Measure H election. You can control an election that way, and that would be sad," Fischer said.

In the June 8 election on the controversial Measure H measure to rezone part of the city's Central Commercial district, the official tally showed 714 absentee ballots, or about one-third, were cast out of the total 2,188 votes. The measure passed on a recount by a narrow 1,099 to 1,089.

In 1984 when Charlotte Townsend was unopposed in her second bid for mayor, there was a low turnout of 23.9 percent. She drew 584 votes while council candidates Jim Wright got 514, Helen Arnold, 421 and Bruce Roberts, 411.

Former Mayor Barney Laiolo who was disappointed his health wasn't good enough to contest Mayor Ken White's re-election in the April 12 voting, commented on the council race: "If Hazdovac gets in there, that might change the picture a little bit due to the friction between the Barbie girls and the rest of the council." He was referring to Brooks and Councilwoman Barbara Livingston whom many locals refer to as "The Barbies." He added, "I think

Fischer ought to be in there for another term."

"I intend to form my own committee, run my own campaign and do what I did last time and stay away from anybody as far as a slate is concerned and stay away from those political organizations," Fischer said. "We'll work with Paula and maybe share some ideas and some ads."

Fischer, who had been urged to run for mayor, said Hazdovac "is very strong in the Yes for Carmel group," which was formed during the Measure H fight to support rezoning, "and I recognize that. I don't want to become associated with any groups."

Asked about a report that he and Hazdovac would run together, Fischer said there may be some areas where Hazdovac "has a thought, and I'm different. Why do we need a slate?"

According to Fischer, the lack of interest he foresees in the election is due to a lack of issues. "The major issues are behind us," he said, although he said he believes a major issue will be the \$11 million remodeling of Sunset Center.

"That has to be explained to the public as to what is expected," Fischer said. "A lot of people have a misunderstanding of the city's role. If they should get the money, if they should get the \$11 million, then I want to know how large a crew would be required to staff it and run it, and where's that money going to come from? If I am on the council then, I would look very, very closely at that."

Fischer said he was distressed that the council had never seen an income list of what was being paid out for the Arts and Crafts Fair run by Sunset Center through what he said was "this so-called verbal contract that existed between Sunset and Joan Vandervort. I said I want a report on this. There's been no profit for three years but \$750 for the city, and that was totally wrong."

"I just want a more compete auditing system for Sunset. I think it has been ignored, and somebody better get in there and overhaul the whole thing."

Asked about his remark, Kay Mathis,

administrative assistant for the center, said, the Homecrafters Show paid for itself and there was no profit or cost to the city. She said any money left over was used the following year to pay for advertising. Vandervort said last year there was about \$750 left over and it will be used this year to pay for TV ads.

Brooks has been a strong supporter of the Sunset remodeling while Hazdovac last week questioned the \$30,000 expenditure by the council on a feasibility study for the revamping, saying she does not want any changes made to "the beautiful auditorium."

Fischer said he was still upset over the Jan. 11 council meeting when no one sup-

ported his motion to leave the parking lot at the Carmel Mission baseball lot alone rather than require it be dug up and islands of trees planted.

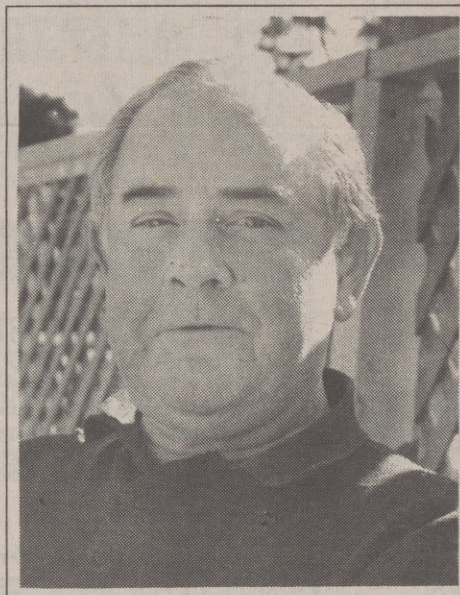
He said he also was going to bring the mission lighting issue back to the council. "Good soft lighting is not going to hurt," he said, referring to a proposal to light the 200-year-old mission that was rejected by the Planning Commission. It was on the commission's agenda again last week but was pulled at the last minute, according to officials, because the mission had not been notified. The plan was submitted by the firm hired by the San Francisco donor of the lighting.

Carmel Mayor Is Unopposed

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ported the race at the last minute in 1992 because he did not think it was right for White to be unopposed. His concern about an unopposed candidate for mayor in the April 12 election is that people may not turn out to vote for him. "It would be pretty bad if you got two or three council, people who got more votes than he did."

White pledged two years ago to try and end the acrimony on the council under former Mayor Jean Grace when White was the swing vote in many fearsome battles between Grace and Councilman Bob Fischer on one side and Jim Wright and Barbara Brooks on the other. As mayor, he has again held the controlling vote, occasionally siding with Brooks and Councilwoman Barbara Livingston but more frequently with Fischer and Councilman Phil Coniglio. The key difference is that the majority of final council votes have been unanimous.



KEN WHITE

"We're working together as a council very well," White said. "We've been cooperating well."

Asked if he would join forces with any of the council candidates, he said, "No. I've never run with anybody. I've always been independent and run separately."

He said he hopes there is not a big fight between Fischer, Brooks and contender Paula Hazdovac, three people he sees as "really not that different" in many respects. (See separate story). "It will have to be issues. There are some differences in issues, and it's important that those issues be aired. I'm going to speak out strongly," he said. "You just don't run and hide in Carmel. I'm going to be everywhere anybody wants."

White campaigned for remodeling Sunset Center Theater in 1992. Now that an \$11 million restructuring of most of Sunset Center, the city's former school, has been given the green light by the council, he will promote it even harder in this campaign.

"We had a great amount of consensus," White said. "The Carmel Business Association, the leadership of the Northeast Neighbors, the Carmel Residents Association. There was lots of support."

White sees the renovation as a move that will help the "cultural position of Carmel," but said, "None of the groups in town that are against Sunset have come forward with

any suggestions as to how to improve the economic base. Sunset is one proposal that can bring increased revenues both in the sales tax and the hostelry tax.

"We can go along the way we are, but in communities where they have done theater remodeling or built a new theater, like Walnut Creek, they have increased their tax base. It would provide an income to the city that we are not able to do otherwise."

He pointed out that the \$11 million encompasses remodeling "a major part of Sunset Center" while just doing over the theater would be about \$5 million, which was more in the neighborhood of the original projection.

White said he thinks some opponents of the project "are scared about the total being more than what we initially thought. But I don't think the community ought to fuss too much" given the fact an independent group has been formed to raise the money.

As to the pressing wage issues facing the city, White said he would like to see more money for the police and fire departments but thinks the state and county have to help by passing along more money to the cities.

He is pleased with "the large number of people who are coming forward to volunteer" in Carmel, citing such projects as the remodeling of Vista Lobos and his St. Bernard program, a plan to provide care for elderly or ill residents who might need help in an emergency.

He thinks the city is "ready for some real serious" work on its long-running parking problem and believes it is time to look at the disposition of some city property such as Flanders Mansion and Piccadilly Park.

Although he admits he handled a proposal for the subsequent sale of Flanders Mansion badly by putting it on a city council consent calendar last fall, White said he thought what to do with the house was the kind of question the Voice of Carmel should tackle in its regular polling of the citizenry.

"I'm disturbed about the back part of Piccadilly Park," he said, noting that the rear portion of the downtown Dolores Street park "is an unpleasant place to be in the evenings. I've seen empty six-packs and stuff laying around. We need to take a look at it."

Another issue is Pescadero Canyon where White says "everything has to fall just right" for any settlement to be reached on how to handle the development or purchase of private lots in the environmentally sensitive area.

"I've never worked harder in my life for \$200 a month," White said. "Except maybe back in high school when I made \$1.25 an hour at a part-time job. I get no compensation for any of the other agencies I serve on as mayor. I drive my own car. Some functions I do ask for meals to be paid."

"I'm enjoying it thoroughly because I think we're making progress. We've reduced the level of acrimony where one group was pitted against another. I think people were tired of bickering."

He said he is pleased the CRA isn't taking as many positions against things as it had and is proud of the closer relationship between the city and the CBA due, he said, to "its top-notch leadership."

Ballots Mailed for CVPOA Vote

Ballots went into the mail last week for an unprecedented contested Carmel Valley Property Owners (CVPOA) election that is dividing the membership over how much environmental protection is enough.

"It's a healthy thing," said Mary Ann Matthews, a Carmel Valley resident who attended the group's meeting Jan. 12.

"I'm not very happy with the CVPOA," she later told The Sun. She described Bob Greenwood, who is challenging the CVPOA board's nominee for vice president, as a "mild, meek gentle person, not radical at all."

Matthews, a member of the Sierra Club and active in the Native Plant Society, said she agreed with CVPOA board member Pat Bernardi who stated the organization should be glad people are competing for the job.

However, CVPOA President Roger Williams said he was upset by the actions some members have taken, calling them divisive.

Greenwood gathered 39 petition signatures from CVPOA members to gain a spot in the mail-election vote opposed to George Ferguson, a retired business executive. There never has been a contested election for a CVPOA officer before.

Greenwood said his challenge to Ferguson was based on his conviction that CVPOA has strayed from what was once a strong watchdog role and that he picked Ferguson to oppose because he thought his philosophy was the farthest removed from his own.

For his part, Ferguson said he believes he does look out for Valley environmental concerns, but that he also tries to uphold people's property rights.

Ileene Crane-Franks, a board member who also is employed by the CVPOA to handle its business, said about 50 people

have requested membership applications from her during January, and this has never occurred before. She said according to the bylaws anyone who is a member prior to the Jan. 31 voting deadline can vote in the election.

She told The Sun she thought about as many people were joining so they could vote for Ferguson as were signing up to get the chance to vote for Greenwood.

Matthews also spoke at the meeting about the county's proposed increase in allowable lot coverage at Carmel Valley Ranch from 50 to 75 percent.

"I'm strongly opposed and asked the CVPOA to take strong action on it," she said. The County Planning Commission will a Planning Department proposal to increase lot coverage at its Feb. 9 meeting at 3 p.m.

The permits for the ranch were predicated on water and traffic, and allowing larger homes will enable people to add bedrooms and bathrooms, she said, creating more traffic and use of water.

Matthews said many homes were built at the ranch in excess of the 50 percent lot coverage.

"It was an oversight out of incompetence or deception," she said. "I feel the CVPOA should take action, especially with the incompetent Planning Department we have. They're trying to legalize something which is illegal."

In a separate action, the CVPOA voted to support opposition to another Planning Department proposal, this one to consolidate local planning advisory committees. Currently there are 18 local land use committees in the county. The Planning Department has proposed consolidating them into no more than eight committees, a move which would merge six committees serving the peninsula into one large group.